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The Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, A. D. 1888, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

Comp.·. SAM. W. WILLIAMS, ... as M.·. P.·. Grand Master.
Comp.·. D. D. LEACH ..... R.·. P.·. Grand Deputy Master.
Comp.·. W. K. RAMSAY ..... R.·. P.·. Grand Illustrious Master.
Comp.·. CEO. THORNBURGH, ... as R.·. P.·. Grand P. C. of Work.
Comp.·. GEORGE H. MEADE ..... R.·. P.·. Grand Treasurer.
Comp.·. J. A. HENRY ..... R.·. P.·. Grand Recorder.
Comp.·. ED. S. CARL LEE ..... R.·. P.·. Grand Captain of Guard.
Comp.·. J. F. MITCHELL, ... R.·. P.·. Grand Chaplain.
Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... R.·. P.·. Grand Lecturer.
Comp.·. B. F. ATKINSON ..... as R.·. P.·. Grand Marshal.
Comp.·. W. H. GEE, ... as P.·. Grand Steward.
Comp.·. ED. METCALF ..... P.·. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comp.·. SAM'L W. WILLIAMS ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. C. W. MILLERD ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. GEO. THORNBURGH ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. JAMES M. HARKEY ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. LOGAN H. ROOTS ..... Past Grand Master.

And the Representatives of the following Subordinate Councils:

OCCIDENTAL	No. 1	FAY HEMPSTEAD, T. I. M.
ADONIRAM	No. 2	W. K. RAMSAY, P. C. of W.
OSIRIS	No. 5	B. F. ATKINSON, Delegate.
BENTONVILLE	No. 6	J. F. MITCHELL, T. I. M.
SEARCY	No. 12	G. A. DANNELLY, T. I. M. JOHN G. HOLLAND, P. C. of W.
BATESVILLE	No. 13	SAMUEL PEETE, T. I. M.
HOT SPRINGS	No. 23	JOHN J. SUMPTER, T. I. M.
MARIANNA	No. 25	P. D. MCCULLOCH, T. I. M. H. N. HUTTON, Dep. I. M.
AUGUSTA	No. 37	D. D. LEACH, T. I. M. IGNATIUS ROTTMAN, Dep. I. M.
HINDSVILLE	No. 28	C. S. KEENEY, T. I. M.

Representatives of Sister Grand Councils:

Companion J. A. HENRY, of Grand Council of Connecticut.
Companion B. F. ATKINSON, of Grand Council of England and Wales.
Companion GEORGE THORNBURGH, of Grand Council of Illinois.
Companion JAMES M. HARKEY, of Grand Council of Indiana.
Companion GEORGE A. DANNELLY, of Grand Council of Kentucky.
Companion J. F. MITCHELL, of Grand Council of Louisiana.
Companion GEORGE H. MEADE, of Grand Council of Maine.
Companion SAM. W. WILLIAMS, of Grand Council of Michigan.
Companion LAUNCELOT MINOR, of Grand Council of Minnesota.
Companion W. H. GEE, of Grand Council of Missouri.
Companion JAS. H. VAN HOOSE, of Grand Council of New Jersey.
Companion LOGAN H. ROOTS, of Grand Council of New York.
Companion ED. S. CARL LEE, of Grand Council of Nebraska.
Companion D. D. LEACH, of Grand Council of Oregon.
Companion JASPER M. PINNELL, of Grand Council of Rhode Island.
Companion W. K. RAMSAY, of Grand Council of South Carolina.
Companion CHARLES N. RIX, of Grand Council of Tennessee.
Companion JOHN J. SUMPTER, of Grand Council of Wisconsin.

The reading of the Record of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

The M. P. Grand Master then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Again, and so soon, the appointed time for our twenty-sixth Annual Assembly is fast approaching. It is with feelings of regret I am compelled to announce my inability to meet with you on that occasion. As you will be fully informed of the reasons why I am not present in person, it is unnecessary for me to go into details in this report. Suffice it to say, that the business relations between the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and myself makes it absolutely imperative for one of us to be absent; and in justice to the various Grand Bodies which meet at this time, in two of which Companion Gee is an honored officer, that one should be me.

How swiftly time passes. Another twelve months, with ever-accelerated speed, has been garnered into the treasure house of the past. Each year, as we grow older and older, seems to come and go with greater rapidity than any of its predecessors, and will continue to do so until the Supreme Grand Master's gavel shall summon us to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." Let us, then, reverently resolve that we will endeavor more faithfully to discharge our duty to God, our neighbors and ourselves.

OBITUARY.

On the 27th day of December, 1887, the grim messenger, Death, knocked at the door of our secret vault, and suddenly, unexpectedly, without suffering, the spirit of our venerable Companion, Raphael M. Johnson, returned to God who gave it. Companion Johnson was Past Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Council, and at the time of his death, Representative of the Grand Council of Kansas, near this Grand Jurisdiction. For many years he had been a regular attendant upon all the Grand Bodies of the fraternity. Quiet and retiring in his manners and habits, his peaceful life won for him the respect of all. Ever ready and willing to perform any work assigned him, and thoroughly conscientious in the discharge of his official duties. With him, friendship was no unmeaning word, but as weighty as the gold of a prince's ransom—true, steadfast and faithful to the end.

Also, at his hearth-stone, in the city of Marianna, on the 28th day of February, 1888, the low-twelve-bell summoned our friend and Companion, John M. Hewett, to that better and happier home, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Companion Hewitt was a member of Marianna Council, No. 25, and though not a member of this Grand Council, was so prominently identified with other Masonic Grand Bodies that I cannot forbear mention of his death in this connection. Without ostentation, he was the true exemplar of an honest representative, and a well-informed and earnest man. His faithful services in positions of public trusts, and his conscientious discharge of public duties, bespeak his praise as an honored, upright and patriotic representative and citizen of the State.

It will also not be inappropriate at this time to call to mind the death of that great Masonic explorer, Companion Robert Morris, who died at his home in La Grange, Kentucky, on the 31st of July last, at the age of three score years and ten. On the 17th of December, 1884, before a brilliant assemblage of prominent Masons, he was crowned Poet Laureate of Masonry, an honor worthily bestowed. He was the founder of the beautiful order of the Eastern Star, and, probably, in the whole realm of Masonry no man was more prominently known.

OFFICIAL.

My executive duties have not been laborious. The year past has been one of undisturbed peace and quietness in this Grand Jurisdiction; nothing having been brought to my attention which would indicate aught else than a happy fraternal feeling among the individual Companions.

DISPENSATIONS.

December 9, 1887, I granted a dispensation to D. B. Warren, E. L. Jacobs, T. B. Sparks and seven other Companions, to organize a Council of Royal and Select Masters, at Harrisburg, Poinsett County, to be known as Harrisburg Council.

January 5, 1888, a dispensation was granted Occidental Council No. 1, to elect officers at their Stated Assembly in January.

March 7, 1888, I granted a dispensation to George Thornburgh, F. E. Taylor, J. M. Phelps, and eleven other Companions, to organize a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County, to be known as Walnut Ridge Council.

April 25, 1888, I granted a dispensation to J. H. Kennerly, T. E. Carter, J. N. Churchill, and eight other Companions, to organize a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Sulphur Rock, Independence County, to be known as Sulphur Rock Council.

GRAND REPRESENTATIONS.

Since the date of our last Annual Assembly, commissions have been issued to the following named Companions to represent this Grand Council in other Grand Jurisdictions:

MAINE ..... Companion RUSSELL G. DYER, of Belfast.
RHODE ISLAND ..... Companion HORACE L. RICHARDSON, of Providence.
GEORGIA ..... Companion A. M. ELLEDGE, of Columbus.
KENTUCKY ..... Companion G. A. PARK, of Owensboro.
ENGLAND AND WALES .. Companion HENRY JAMES, of London.
MARYLAND ..... Companion C. C. ISAACS, of Baltimore.

Upon my recommendation, I also have the pleasure to announce that commissions have been received by the following zealous Companions as the Representatives of other Grand Councils near this Grand Council:

MAINE .....Companion GEORGE H. MEADE, of Little Rock.
RHODE ISLAND..... Companion JASPER M. PINNELL, of De Witt.
GEORGIA..... ..... Companion W. C. LANGFORD, of Eldorado,
PENNSYLVANIA .....Companion W. H. H. CLAYTON, of Fort Smith.
ENGLAND AND WALES..Companion BENJ. F. ATKINSON, of Fort Smith.
MARYLAND..... .....Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD, of Little Rock.
CANADA.....Companion GEORGE W. CLARK, of Little Rock.

WELFARE OF THE RITE.

We have to congratulate ourselves that the Order is doing reasonably well in this State. Our growth has not been rapid, but conservatively healthy. As far as I have been able to obtain information, some of the subordinate Councils have made a very creditable record, especially the new Councils. They have manifested a degree of fidelity and zeal that I would that all possessed. I trust the accessions during the past year are of such a character as to strengthen and encourage the subordinate Councils. It is not to vast numbers we must look for strength and continued success, but to the character of the material admitted within, or out of which our arches are builded, and to whose keeping the sacred mysteries of the secret vault are committed. ¶ take it as true that the officers of the several Councils have exercised the talents which God has given them, to leave the trusts confided to their care in better condition than when they assumed them. May there be none whose hearts accuse them of neglect. I will not attempt to portray the beauties of the degree of the Cryptic Rite, but must impress upon the officers of the subordinate Councils the duties devolving upon them to perfect themselves in the ritual, and, in justice to candidates, in never failing to give the legend, or history, (which I feel assured is often omitted) pertaining to the degrees.

Bro. Mitchell, in his "History of Free Masonry," says: "We assert without fear of successful contradiction, that, according to the American system, no man can understand or properly appreciate the Master's degree without receiving the legend—the history of Masonry—as now given in the Council of Royal and Select degrees." He further says that "Without the legend given in a Council, it is utterly impossible for the Master, or Royal Arch Mason, to understand and properly appreciate the teachings of Free Masonry."

Grand Master C. K. Francis, in an address before the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, truly said: "The candidate, when he receives the degree of Master Mason, learns that the 'Word' for which he has searched is lost, and he receives only a 'Substitute.' In the Royal Arch degree the 'Word,' long lost, is found. In the degrees of Royal and Select Master the explanation is given of how the 'Word' was lost, how it was found, the way it was preserved, and its meaning. The process by which the restoration of the 'Word' was accomplished is known only to those who have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master."

The plan in vogue in this Grand Council in receiving petitions, electing candidates, and conferring degrees, has been the occasion of considerable comment in the reports on "Foreign Correspondence" of our sister Grand Councils. In some jurisdictions it is not the law, and outside of our own I do not suppose the

practice prevails. Companion Osgoodby, the able Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, of New York, in his review of Arkansas, says: "It is one of those matters which are not governed by any universal law. Each jurisdiction must regulate these matters of the minutia of their work in their own way. It is only when the underlying principles of the entire Masonic Institution are called into question that the universal law applies. We can see where the practice of our Arkansas Companions may work out good to them as well as to others in the same situation." The "situation" is what is the matter. With me the practice has always been a questionable proceeding under Masonic law generally; but when we consider that this is a country—as from Council to Council—of "magnificent distances," and not the best of roads to travel over, we are excusable in taking the benefit of reasonable doubts—if doubts there be. I must admit that the election and conferring the degrees upon four Companions one year ago did "work much good" to us, and was the direct result of the organization of two new Councils.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, as the official relation between myself and the present officers and members of the Grand Council are about to be severed, receive mv hearty acknowledgments for the kind and courteous attention rendered me by all with whom I have chanced to meet. My especial thanks are due the Grand Recorder and Grand Lecturer for valuable services performed, and co-operation in the discharge of my duties. I forbear to trespass further upon your patience. The time approaches for me finally to surrender to you the office with which your partiality invested me two years ago. The account of my stewardship is before you, and if in your review of it you find omissions of duty—that I have left undone things I should have done—I do not doubt but you will suffer the frailty of human nature to plead in my behalf.

To-day begins another period in the history of this Grand Council. In a short time the good ship will be once more ready to start upon her voyage, manned by a new crew, freighted with new hope and new aspirations. It is my earnest wish that it shall be a voyage crowned with success.

GEORGE L. KIMBALL,

Grand Master.

The Grand Recorder made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

As Grand Recorder I beg leave to make the following report:

Nov. 27, 1887—To balance on hand			$ 41 00
Dec. 13, " " Hamburg Council for Dispensation			20 00
March 7, 1888—To Walnut Ridge Council for Dispensation			10 00
May 14, " " Sulphur Rock Council for Dispensation			20 00
" Batesville Council, No. 13, Dues			10 00
" Occidental Council, No. 1, Dues			10 00
" Adoniram Council, No. 2, Dues			3 75
" Osiris Council, No. 5, Dues			6 50
" Sulphur Rock Council, U. D., Dues			20 00
" Hot Springs Council, No. 23, Dues			4 75
" Batesville Council, No. 13, Dues			15 25
" Marianna Council, No. 25, Dues			8 25
" Brilliant Star Council, No. 27, Dues			7 50
" Augusta Council, No. 22, Dues			9 50
" Walnut Ridge Council, U. D., Dues			14 75
Total			$ 201 25
1888—By Cash paid Printing Proceedings	$ 61 00		
" " for Postage Stamps	6 00		
" " Dues to Gen'l Grand Council	6 00		
" " Mitchell & Bettis	8 75		
" " for Printing Slips	50		
" " for Stationery	2 00		
" " for Envelopes and Printing	2 50		
" " Recorder's Salary	50 00		—$ 136 75
Balance			$ 64 50

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. HENRY,

Grand Recorder.

On motion of Companion S. W. Williams it was ordered that Charters be issued to the following Councils under Dispensations upon their complying with the law, viz: Harrisburg, U. D., Walnut Ridge, U. D., and Sulphur Rock, U. D.

On motion of Companion Charles N. Rix, it was ordered that the proceedings of this Grand Council be printed separately.

On motion, it was ordered that the following resolution be continued in force until the next Annual Assembly:

Resolved, That the Most Puissant Grand Master be requested to proceed to ascertain which of the Subordinate Councils were existing, and whose Charters had not been forfeited and revoked at the time of the last Assembly of this Grand Council, and take the necessary steps to reorganize and go to work under their Charters.

Second—That all Royal and Select Masters, made in Councils appended to the Chapters of this State, may be healed in such constitutional modes as the Most Puissant Grand Master may direct; and, when so healed, may apply for affiliation with such Councils as they may select.

Third—That the Most Puissant Grand Master take the legal steps to cut off and revoke the Charters of all Councils that do not reorganize, go to work, and comply with the provisions of the Constitution in making returns and paying dues.

Fourth—That the dues of Councils which are in arrears at the time of the adoption of the plan of consolidation, and whose Charters were not forfeited or revoked at the time, be remitted, provided they promptly make returns and pay dues for the ensuing year.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. A ballot was had, which resulted as follows:

D. D. LEACH ..... M.·. P.·. Grand Master.
FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... Deputy Grand Master.
CHARLES N. RIX ..... Grand P. C. of Work.
GEORGE H. MEADE ..... Grand Treasurer.
J. A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master elect made the following appointments:

ED. S. CARL LEE ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. F. MITCHELL ..... Grand Chaplain.
GEO. A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Lecturer.
C. C. AYRES ..... Grand Marshall.
H. N. HUTTON ..... Grand Steward.
ED. METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel.

The officers, elected and appointed, were installed by Past M. I. G. M. George Thornburgh.

The following Companions, who had been elected in their respective Councils, were presented as candidates to be received and greeted:

Augusta Council, No. 22—Companion A. F. Maberry.
Blakeney Council, No. 19—Companion Charles O. Goskey.

Being in waiting, they were severally received and greeted as Royal and Select Masters.

Companion George Thornburgh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at Little Rock, during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

On motion of Companion S. W. Williams, a sufficient sum was appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Recorder's office, printing proceedings, etc.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

D. D. LEACH,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

DIED.

Name.	Chapter.	No.	Location.
L. Rogers	Adoniram	2	Camden.
S. W. Mallory	"	2	"
R. M. Johnson	Osiris	5	Fort Smith.
James McMurray	English	14	Pine Bluff.
Jno. M. Hewitt	Marianna	55	Marianna.
Ed. T. Jones	Augusta	22	Augusta.
C. H. Montague	"	22	"

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1888.

Names of Councils.	Numbers.	Stated Assemblies.	Received and Greeted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Suspended for Un-Masonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	No. of Members.	Dues for 1888.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Second Tuesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.	1		1						36	10 00	10 00
Adoniram	2	Fifth Saturday night each month				2					15	3 75	3 75
Osiris	5	Second Thursday in each month				1					26	6 50	6 50
Bentonville	6												
Pike	8												
Ward	9												
Searcy	12	Fourth Monday in each month	3								20	8 00	8 00
Batesville	13	First Monday in each month	10								21	15 25	15 25
English	14	First Monday in April, July and October				1					38	9 50	
Blakeney	19												
Augusta	22	Second Monday in each month	5			2					18	9 50	9 50
Hot Springs	23	———Thursday in Jan., April, July and October									19	4 75	4 75
Marianna	25	Third Thursday night each Month	2			1					25	8 25	8 25
Brilliant Star	27	First Monday in each month							1		30	7 50	7 50
Hindsville	28	Saturday after each full moon		6							12	3 00	3 00
Harrisburg	U. D.	Fourth Wednesday in each month	6								15	9 75	9 75
Walnut Ridge	U. D.	Wednesday after each full moon	13		1						20	14 75	14 75
Sulphur Rock	U. D.	Fourth Saturday in each month	14								24	20 00	20 00
			54	6	2	7			1		319		121 00

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	‡Luke E. Barber	‡E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	R. L. Dodge	‡E. H. English
*1861						
*1862						
*1863						
*1864						
1865	‡E. H. English	‡A. J. Ward	‡J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	R. L. Dodge	‡T. D. Merrick
1866	‡E. H. English		‡John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	‡W. D. Blocher
1867	‡Harris Flanagin	B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	R. L. Dodge	‡Loui George	‡W. D. Blocher
1868	‡Harris Flanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	Fred. Kramer	‡W. D. Blocher
1869	‡E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	M. L. Bell	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1870	G. A. Dannelly	‡John W. Jordan	‡E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1871	‡E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. F. Powell	‡John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1872	‡E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1873	‡James T. Stinson	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1874	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	‡M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millerd	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1875	‡M. M. McGuire	‡E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Milner	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1876	C. W. Millerd	‡J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1877	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber
1878	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber
†1879						
†1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Launcelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1883	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1884	James M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1885	Logan H. Roots	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsay	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1886	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsay	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1887	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsay	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1888	D. D. Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry

*No election. †Years of consolidation with Grand Chapter. ‡Dead.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorder.	Residence.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	J. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
England and Wales	C. F. Mattier, 3 and 4 Lincoln Inn Fields	London, W. C.
Florida	John Caslovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany,
Illinois	Gill W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Berchtel	Trenton.
New York	George Van Vliet, 6th Ave. and 23d St	New York.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Oregon	Frelon J. Babcock	Salem.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer, 1717 Chestnut St.	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	William R. Green	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren C. Reynolds	Springfield.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Ft. Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Names.	Address.
California	Wm. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
England and Wales	Henry James	8 Red Lion Square, London.
Florida		
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illniois	Alex. T. Darrah	Bloomington.
Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	Wm. T. Benedict	New Orleans.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland		
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	Geo. H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	C. S. Hanks	Olean.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina		
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	Wm. C. Crawford	Corvallis.
Ohio	Geo. D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. W. Humphries	Anderson,
Tennessee	Henry C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

Grand Councils.	Names.	Address.
California	M. L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida		
Georgia	Wm. C. Langford	Eldorado.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Walnut Ridge.
Indiana	James M. Harkey	Russellville.
Kansas		
Kentucky	Geo. A. Dannelly	Riverside.
Louisiana	J. F. Mitchell	Bentonville.
Maine	Geo. H. Meade	Little Rock.
Maryland		
Massachusetts		
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Launcelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
New Hampshire	John M. Clayton	Pine Bluff.
New Jersey	James H. VanHoose	Fayetteville.
New York	Logan H. Roots	Little Rock.
Nebraska	Ed. S. Carl Lee	Augusta.
North Carolina		
Ontario		
Oregon	D. D. Leach	Augusta.
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	W. H. H. Clayton	Fort Smith.
Rhode Island	Jasper M. Pinnell	DeWitt.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsay	Camden.
Tennessee	Charlos N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.

LIST OF COUNCILS

SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS,

AND

THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1888.

Occidental Council No. 1—Little Rock.

OFFICERS:

FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... T. I. M. ..... P. C. of W.
C. KANTOROWICZ ..... D. I. M. FRED. KRAMER ..... Treasurer.
JAMES A. HENRY ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Adams, John D.	Karnes, John P.	Roots, P. K.
Baer, Ferd	McAlmont, Jno. J.	Rosenbaum, C. E.
Butler, E. J.	Mathews, E. D.	Rickon, F. J. H.
Clark, Geo. W.	Meade, Geo. H.	Ramsay, E. A.
Dodge, R. L.	Metcalf, Ed.	Skidmore, G. W.
Dobbins, W. K.	Navra, Samuel	Thompson, W. J.
Dinsdale, Richard	Pfeifer, Philip	Williams, Sam W.
Darragh, T. J.	Pinnell, J. M.	Wolf, Isaac
Fletcher, H. L.	Rymal, H. S.	Wall, E. B.
Griffith, S. L.	Roots, Logan H.	Ward, J. H.

Adoniram Council No. 2—Camden. Ouachita County.

OFFICERS:

C. H. STONE, ... T. I. M. W. K. RAMSAY, ... P. C. of W.
J. T. DARBY, ... D. I. M. J. A. PROCTOR, ... Treasurer
A. A. TUFTS, ... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Felsenthal, D.
Friedheim, A.
Hardy, W. R.
Lightfoot, E. W.
Morgan, B. F.
Millen, H. A.
Myar, H. W
Newton, D.
Sale, R. F.
Whitfield, W. E.

Osiris Council No. 5—Fort Smith. Sebastian County.

OFFICERS:

J. H. T. MAIN, ... T. I. M. C. M. BARNES, ... P. C. of W.
——— ..... D. I. M. STEPHEN WHEELER, ... Treasurer.
JAMES H. HAMILTON, ... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Atkinson, B. F.
Ayres, C. C.
Baer, Simon
Baer, Herman
Bocquin, C. F.
Clark, G. C.
Clayton, W. H. H.
Hendry, J. R. A.
Hays, H. J.
Hammitt, R. W.
Hall, Charles
Klein, F. J.
Miller, Louis
Mellette, W. M.
Parke, Frank
Reutzel, Henry.
Smith, (P.), John
Schulte, G. W.
Seals, R. D.
Sample, W. A.
Sandels, M. H.
Young, D. C.

Bentonville Council No. 6—Bentonville, Benton County.

OFFICERS:

J. F. MITCHELL, ... T. I. M. J. W. SUMMONS, ... P. C. of W.
R. N. CARLEY, ... D. I. M. H. HIRSHFILL, ... Treasurer.
S. D. MCREYNOLDS, ... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Burns, J. P.
Huffman, J.
Talliaferro, C. D.
Talliaferro, John
Patton, W. F.

Searcy Council, No. 12—Searcy, White County.

OFFICERS:

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JOHN H. NEAL.....D. I. M J. B. CARTER.....Treasurer.
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MEMBERS:

Anderson, J. H.
Bradley, J. W.
Edwards, James
Evans, S. D.
Edin, J. W.
Ellis, T. B.
Holland, J. G.
Jones, W. A. B.
Jones, L. M.
Milner, T. L.
McCauley, J. C.
McRae, D.
Patterson, J. W.
Sewell, F. P.
Yarnell, W. A.

Batesville Council No. 13—Batesville, Independence County.

OFFICERS:

SAMUEL PEETE.....T. I. M. J. P. JONES.....P. C. of W.
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J. A. HOLMES.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Bone, John C.
Bacharach, Sig.
Bevens, W. A.
Carter, R. M.
Cannon, Jno.
Dickinson, Ed. M.
Desha, R. M.
Grover, J. L. W.
Handford, S. L.
Jacoby, M.
Joblin, A. H.
Mayfield, J. G.
Neill, Robert
O'Brien, G. A.
Smith, F. J., Sen.
Smith, F. J., Jun.

English Council No. 14—Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

OFFICERS:

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MEMBERS:

Boyd, Newton
Bradley, A. E.
Barnett, W. H.
Baker
Browning, W. H.
Clegg, John L.
Cady, H. G.
Cook, N. L.
Fritz, J. L. B.
Grace, A. B.
Grotian, C. H. A.
Hanson, H.
Lynch, Thomas
Marsh, John T.
Moore, Isaiah
Mills, D. J.
Moore, George B.
Montague, James
Nathan, Henry
O'Connell, John
Purdon, W. C.
Rucks, J. T.
Stubblefield, George
Scull, Henry W.
Stephens, C. F.
Simmons, J. F.
Spring, John V.
St. John, T. J.
Sorrels, T. F.
Trimble, D. S.
Weil, Charles
Vining, T. W.
Vernon, W. J. D.

Blakeney Council No. 19—Clarendon, Monroe County.

OFFICERS:

S. J. PRICE.....T. I. M. P. C. EWEN..... P. C. of W.
T. M. HORSFALL.....D. I. M. ISAAC HALPIN.....Treasurer.
—— ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Black, S. L.
Cocke, J. A.
Dunlop, W. S.
Fritzen, N. J.
Garrett, James A.
Hurst, Dickerson
Johnson, B. F.
Kerr, B. F.
Kerr, W. D.
Lambert, B. J.
Mayo, James
Mayo, W. M.
Martin, M. D.
Pledger, G. D.
Wilburn, W. A.
Walker, James W.

Augusta Council No. 22—Augusta, Woodruff County.

OFFICERS:

D. D. LEACH,.....T. I. M. W. E. FERGUSON,..... P. C. of W.
IGNATIUS ROTTMAN,.....D. I. M. J. M. TAYLOR, ...Treasurer.
J. P. HOUSE, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Butler, T. M.
Butler, J. W.
CarlLee, Ed. S.
Dent, S. E.
Ferguson, S. P.
Greenwald, J.
Jones, Ed. T.
Jones, Alex. W.
Murphy, J. L.
Montague, C. W.
Patient, W. J.
Rottman, V.
Sawyer, L. M.
Shearer, John
Wilkerson, J. B.

Marianna Council No. 25—Mariana, Lee County.

OFFICERS:

J. P. FARRAR, SR. .....T. I. M. D. H. STAYTON, ...P. C. of W.
H. N. HUTTON,..... D. I. M. R. D. GRIFFIS,.....Treasurer.
C. A. WILSON, ... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Black, E. L.
Becker, T.
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Balick, G. A.
Baxter, T. A.
Clark, Wm. H.
Cotton, H. W.
Daggett, J. M.
Deener, R. S.
Dunham, J. P.
Foreman, R. R.
Govan, F. H.
Lesser, Julius
Lownsberry, J. D.
Leary, J. E.
McCulloch, P. D., Jr.
Ragland, E. D.
Robertson, Jos.
Wright, S. H.
Willey, S. M.

Brilliant Star Council No. 27—Dardanelle, Yell County.

OFFICERS:

W. H. GEE, ...T. I. M. L. C. HALL, ... P. C. of W.
F. V. WHITTLESEY, ...D. I. M. M. JESSUP, ...Treasurer.
J. W. POUND, ... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Bullock, R. C.
Boles, Thomas
Cox, Thomas
Evans, W. W.
Forest, J. C.
Gibson, T. M.
Garrison, A. S.
Harkey, J. M.
Hicks, J. W.
Heck, J. B.
Kimball, G. L.
Kline, Henry
Mourning, D. M.
MacDonald, D. F.
Morrow, W. B.
Mendenwald, A.
Ross, J. A.
Shinn, N. D.
Smith, L. M.
Smith, W. J.
Sims, J. M.
Thompson, C. P.
Thompson. J. M.
Turner, J. F.
Wyatt, T. M.

Hindsville Council No. 28—Hindsville, Madison County.

OFFICERS:

C. S. KEENEY, ...T. I. M. J. W. SOUTHWORTH, ...P. C. of W.
E. C. HARRELL, ... D. I. M. J. L. COPENING, ...Treasurer.
J. D. BEVERS, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Brock, S. A.
Boker, Joshua
Harris, S. J.
Neal, J. A.
Spradling, E.
Todd, J. A.
Williams, E. P.

Harrisburg Council No. 29—Harrisburg, Poinsett Co.

OFFICERS:

D. B. WARREN, ...T. I. M. THOS. B. SPARKS, ...P. C. of W.
E. L. JACOBS, ...D. I. M. ALEX. HAMILTON, ... Treasurer.
J. LOGAN SMITH, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Ainsworth, William
Clampit, H. J.
Clark, George H.
Foster, W. R.
Gant, John B.
Gant, J. G.
Griffin, A. C.
Harris, B. F.
Houghton, H. H.
Wyes, Thomas H.

Walnut Ridge Council No. 30—Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County.

OFFICERS:

GEO. THORNBURGH, ...T. I. M. J. M. PHELPS, ...P. C. of W.
F. E. TAYLOR.....D. I. M. A. C. PHELPS, ...Treasurer.
A. B. ISRAEL, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Collier, M. F.
Childers, B. M.
Davis, E. M.
Douglas, J. H.
Henderson, A. G.
Hughes, N. A.
Maynard, J. S.
Montgomery, D. N.
Phelps, Z. C.
Hill, G. M.
Reese, J. P.
Taylor, F. G.
Tipton, S. C.
Tucker, F. W.
Williamson, S. B.

Sulphur Rock Council No. 31—Sulphur Rock, Independence County.

OFFICERS:

J. H. KENNERLY, ...T. I. M. J. N. CHURCHILL, ...P. C. of W.
T. E. CARTER, ...D. I. M. JAMES M. SANDERS, ...Treasurer
W. G. WILSON, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Arnold, Shered
Aydelotte, J. D.
Churchill, J. C.
Cook, B. M.
Crabtree, G. A.
Kirkland, C. C.
Kelly, Louis
Lggett, J. F.
Lindsey, D. T.
Lambertson, R. J.
Massey, G. L.
Mack, Y. M.
Moore, J. A.
Moore, J. E.
Moore, W. F.
Martin, F. M.
Price, William
Waldrip, J. J.
Williams, James

Grand Officers,

ELECTED AND INSTALLED 1888.

COMP.·. D. D. LEACH	Augusta	Illustrious Grand Master
COMP.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD	Little Rock	Deputy Grand Master
COMP.·. CHARLES N. RIX	Hot Springs	Grand Principal Cond'r of Work
COMP.·. GEORGE H. MEADE	Little Rock	Grand Treasurer
COMP.·. J. A. HENRY	Little Rock	Grand Recorder
COMP.·. ED. S. CARL LEE	Augusta	Grand Captain of Guards
COMP.·. J. F. MITCHELL	Springtown	Grand Chaplain
COMP.·. GEO. A. DANNELLY	Riverside	Grand Lecturer
COMP.·. C. C. AYERS	Fort Smith	Grand Marshal
COMP.·. H. N. HUTTON	Marianna	Grand Steward
COMP.·. ED. METCALF	Little Rock	Grand Sentinel

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge, by the Illustrious Grand Master.

Royal and Select Masters.

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PROCEEDINGS

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The Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Thursday, the twenty-first day of November, A. D. 1889, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

Comp.·. D. D. LEACH,.....M.·. P.·. Grand Master.
Comp.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD,.....R.·. P.·. Grand Deputy Master.
Comp.·. CHARLES N. RIX,.....R.·. P.·. Grand P. C. of Work.
Comp.·. GEORGE H. MEADE,.....R.·. P.·. Grand Treasurer.
Comp.·. JAMES A. HENRY,.....R.·. P.·. Grand Recorder.

PRESIDENTS—CONTINUED.

Comp.·. ED. S. CARL LEE,.....R.·. P.·. Grand C. of Guard.
Comp.·. J. F. MITCHELL,.....R.·. P.·. Grand Chaplain.
Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY,... R.·. P.·. Grand Lecturer.
Comp.·. C. C. AYERS,.....R.·. P.·. Grand Marshall.
Comp.·. SAMUEL PEETE,.....P.·. Grand Steward.
Comp.·. ED. METCALF, ...P.·. Grand Sentinel.

PAST OFFICERS:

Comp.·. C. W. MILLARD,..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. JAMES M. HARKEY,..... Past Grand Master,
Comp.·. LOGAN H. ROOTS,..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. W. K. RAMSEY,..... Past Grand Ill. Master.

And the Representatives of the following Subordinate Councils:

OCCIDENTAL,.....No. 1.....FAY HEMPSTEAD, T. I. M.
ADONIRAM,.....No. 2.....W. K. RAMSEY, P. C. of W.
OSIRIS,.....No. 5.....C. C. AYERS, Proxy for T. I. M.
BENTONVILLE,.....No. 6.....R. J. LAUGHTLIN, T. I. M.
SEARCY,.....No. 12.....GEORGE A. DANNELLY, T. I. M.
BATESVILLE,.....No. 13.....SAMUEL PEETE, T. I. M.
BLAKENEY,.....No. 19.....T. M. HORSFALL, Delegate.
AUGUSTA,.....No. 22.....IGNATIUS ROTTMAN, P. C. of W.
HOT SPRINGS,.....No. 23.....JOHN J. SUMPTER, T. I. M.
MARIANNA,.....No. 25..... { J. M. DAGGETT, Proxy for T. I. M.
PETER BRICKEY, P. C. of W.
BRILLIANT STAR,.....No. 27..... { W. H. GEE, T. I. M.
F. V. WHITTLESEY, D. I. M.
L. C. HALL, P. C. of W.
HINDSVILLE,.....No. 28.....JOHN A. NEAL, Proxy for T. I. M.
HARRISBURG,.....No. 29.....E. L. JACOBS, T. I. M.
WALNUT RIDGE,.....No. 30.....GEO. THORNBURGH, T. I. M.
SULPHUR ROCK,.....No. 31.....J. H. KENNERLY, T. I. M.

Representatives of Sister Grand Councils:

Companion J. A. HENRY, Grand Council of Connecticut.
Companion WM. C. LANGFORD, Grand Council of Georgia.
Companion JAMES M. HARKEY, Grand Council of Indiana.
Companion GEORGE A. DANNELLY, Grand Council of Kentucky.
Companion J. F. MITCHELL, Grand Council of Louisiana.

PAST OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

Companion GEORGE H. MEADE, Grand Council of Maine.
Companion W. H. GEE, Grand Council of Missouri.
Companion J. H. VAN HOOSE, Grand Council of New Jersey.
Companion LOGAN H. ROOTS, Grand Council of New York.
Companion ED. S. CARL LEE, Grand Council of Nebraska.
Companion D. D. LEACH, Grand Council of Oregon.
Companion JASPER M. PINNELL, Grand Council of Rhode Island.
Companion W. K. RAMSEY, Graad Council of South Carolina.
Companion CHARLES N. RIX, Grand Council of Tennessee.
Companion J. M. DAGGETT, Grand Council of Vermont.
Companion JNO. J. SUMPTER, Grand Council of Wisconsin.

The reading of the Record of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

The M. P. Grand Master then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Again, in accordance with custom and the regulations of this Grand Body, we meet for the necessary transaction of the business of the Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly, and with grateful hearts we return thanks to God, for the manifold blessings and comforts with which we have been the recipient.

"Circumstances over which I have had no control," have prevented me from giving the due and necessary attention to the demands of my position that should and ought to have been rendered: yet I congratulate you, Companions, upon the condition of the order in this Grand Jurisdiction, and welcome you to the feast of fraternal love and friendship. Peace and harmony prevails, and I can assure you that the future prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction is brightening, and by a union of sentiment and activity, we must surely succeed.

OBITUARY.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord: even so sayeth the spirit, for they rest from their labors."

OFFICIAL.

Again there has been no disturbing element in this Grand Jurisdiction, nothing to tax the executive duties of my position, but a continued fraternal feeling of brotherly love and friendship. Not a question has been referred to me for an official decision, demonstrating that our Companions are well versed in the law of the order. I appointed as my proxy to the General Grand Council, Ill. P. G. M., George L. Kimball.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER.

We know of no cause of complaint of the progress of the order in this Jurisdiction. Numbers sometimes denotes weakness. The true, the faithful, the just and the upright, consistent jewels in the crown of success, denote undeniable strength. Our relations with other sister Jurisdictions is satisfactory. We secure from them criticism and praise, when due.

CLOSING.

Having disclosed the official acts for your disposition, it ouly remains necessary for me to tender to the Grand Officers and this Grand Council my heartfelt thanks for their assistance rendered and the honor conferred in electing me to this high and honorable position. Soon I shall return to you the emblem of authority. May the recipient be as grateful, and may his term be more successful, and may the same unanimity of fraternal feelings assist and guide him. May the blessings of God be with us, brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us. We will now proceed to business.

D. D. LEACH,
Grand Master.

The Grand Recorder made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

As Grand Recorder I beg leave to make the following report:

Nov. 30, 1888	To cash balance on hand	$ 64 50
" 30, "	" Augusta Council, No. 22	10 00
Dec. 11, "	" Harrisburg Council, No. 29	9 75
Jan. 4, 1889	To Searcy Council, No. 12	8 00
Oct. 19, "	" Adoniram Council, No. 2	3 50
	" Walnut Ridge Council, No. 30	14 00
	" Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31	13 50
	" Osiris Council, No. 5	6 50
	" Occidental Council No. 1	12 50
	" Batesville Council No. 13	11 25
	" Hot Springs Council, No. 23	7 25
	" Marianna Council, No. 25	14 75
	" Brilliant Star Council, No. 27	7 50
	" Harrisburg Council, No. 29	4 25
	" Hindsville Council, No. 28	3 00
	" Searcy Council, No. 12	4 75
	" Blakeney Council, No. 19	5 25
	Total	$ 200 25

Jan. 2, 1889	By Cash paid for postage	$ 4 00	
" 17, "	" " Grand Council dues	7 50	
	" " for Stationery	1 50	
March 15,	" " for Printing Proceedings	70 00	
April 1,	" " for Printing return Blanks	4 00	
Sept. 1,	" " Recorder's Salary	50 00	$137 00
	Balance in Treasury		$ 63 25

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

On motion, it was ordered that the following resolution be continued in force until the next Annual Assembly:

Resolved, That the Most Puissant Grand Master be requested to proceed to ascertain which of the Subordinate Councils were existing, and whose Charters had not been forfeited and revoked at the time of the last Assembly of this Grand Council, and take the necessary steps to reorganize and go to work under their Charters.

Second, That the Most Puissant Grand Master take the legal steps to cut off and revoke the Charters of all Councils that do not reorganize, go to work, and comply with the provisions of the Constitution in making returns and paying dues.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. A ballot was had, which resulted as follows:

FAY HEMPSTEAD.....M.·. P.·. Grand Master.
CHARLES N. RIX.....Deputy Grand Master.
ED. S. CARL LEE.....Grand P. C. of Work.
GEORGE H. MEADE.....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES A. HENRY.....Grand Recorder.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master elect made the following appointments:

W. K. RAMSAY.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. F. MITCHELL.....Grand Chaplain.
GEORGE A. DANNELLY.....Grand Lecturer.
F. V. WHITTLESEY.....Grand Marshall.
J. H. KENNERLY.....Grand Steward.
ED. METCALF.....Grand Sentinel.

The officers elected and appointed, were installed by Past M. I. G. M., D. D. Leach.

Companion Charles N. Rix offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That after this date the Grand Council shall not confer the degree of Royal and Select Master on any companion unless said companion shall have been regularly elected by the Subordinate Council in whose jurisdiction he may reside.

On motion of Companion C. C. Ayers, a sufficient sum was appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Recorder's office, printing proceedings, &c.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to rest until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 O'CLOCK P. M., NOV. 21, 1889.

The Grand Council was called from rest to labor.

The following Companions, who had been elected in their respective Councils, were presented as candidates to be received and greeted:

Bentonville Council, No. 6, Companions M. H. Mitchell, Joshua Mason and W. D. Wasson.

Augusta Council, No. 22, Companions W. D. Shoup and J. B. Dent being in waiting, they were severally received and greeted as Royal and Select Masters.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at Little Rock, during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:
J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1889.

Names of Councils.	Numbers.	Stated Assemblies.	Received and Greeted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Suspended for Un-Masonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	No. of Members.	Dues for 1889.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Second Monday in each month.	4								38	12.50	12.50
Adoniram.	2	Fifth Saturday night each month.				1					14	3.50	3.50
Osiris	5	Second Thursday in each month									26	6.50	6.50
Bentonville	6	Monday on or before full moon.	2								13	5.25	5.25
Pike.	8												
Ward	9												
Searcy	12	Fourth Monday in each month			2						19	4.75	4.75
Batesville.	13	First Monday in each month	4								29	11.25	11.25
English.	14	First Monday in April, July and October											
Blakeney	19											5.25	5.25
Augusta	22	Second Monday in each month.	1			2					19	5.75	5.75
Hot Springs	23	———Thursday in Jan., April, July and October	2								21	7.25	7.25
Marianna.	25	Third Thursday night each month.	7			1					31	14.75	14.75
Brilliant Star	27	First Monday in each month.									30	7.50	7.50
Hindsville	28	Saturday after each full moon									12	3.00	3.00
Harrisburg	29	Fourth Wednesday in each month									17	4.25	4.25
Walnut Ridge	30	Wednesday after each full moon	9								79	14.00	14.00
Sulphur Rock	31	Fourth Saturday in each month	6								30	13.50	13.50
			35		2	4					315	116.00	

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	‡Luke E. Barber	‡E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	R. L. Dodge	‡E. H. English
*1861						
*1862						
*1863						
*1864						
1865	‡E. H. English	‡A. J. Ward	‡J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	R. L. Dodge	‡T. D. Merrick
1866	‡E. H. English		‡John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	‡W. D. Blocher
1867	‡Harris Flanagin	B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	R. L. Dodge	‡Loui George	‡W. D. Blocher
1868	‡Harris Flanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	Fred Kramer	‡W. D. Blocher
1869	‡E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	M. L. Bell	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1870	G. A. Dannelly	‡John W. Jordan	‡E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1871	‡E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. F. Powell	‡John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1872	‡E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1873	‡James T. Stinson	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1874	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	‡M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millerd	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1875	‡M. M. McGuire	‡E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Milner	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1876	C. W. Millerd	‡J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber
1877	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber
1878	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber
†1879						
†1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Launcelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1883	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1884	James M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1885	Logan H. Roots	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1886	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsay	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1887	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsay	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1888	D. D. Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry
1889	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. Carl Lee	G. H. Meade	J. A Henry

*No election. †Years of consolidation with Grand Chapter. ‡Dead.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker.	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	J. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
England and Wales	C. F. Mattier, 3 and 4 Lincoln Inn Fields.	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	Gill W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry.	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Betchtel	Trenton.
New York	George Van Vliet, 6th Ave. and 23d St.	New York.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Oregon	Charles W. Talmage	McMenville.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer, 1717 Chestnut St.	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	William R. Green.	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace.	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren C. Reynolds	Springfield.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Ft. Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Names.	Address.
California	Wm. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
England and Wales	Rt. Hon. Henry James, Earl of Euston	8 Red Lion Square, London.
Florida		
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illinois	Alex. T. Darrah	Bloomington.
Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	Wm. T. Benedict	New Orleans.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland		
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	Geo. H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	C. S. Hanks	Oleon.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina		
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	Wm. C. Crawford	Corvallis.
Ohio	Geo. D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. W. Humphries	Anderson.
Tennessee	Henry C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

Grand Councils.	Names.	Address.
California	M. L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida		
Georgia	Wm. C. Langford	Eldorado.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indiana	James M. Harkev	Russellville.
Kansas		
Kentucky	Geo A. Dannelly	Riverside.
Louisiana	J. F. Mitchell	Bentonville.
Maine	Geo. H. Meade	Little Rock.
Maryland	Fay Hempetead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts		
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Launcelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
New Hampshire		
New Jersey	James H. VanHoose	Fayetteville.
New York	Logan H. Roots	Little Rock.
Nebraska	Ed. S. Carl Lee	Augusta.
North Carolina		
Ontario	George W. Clark	Little Rock.
Oregon	D. D. Leach	Augusta.
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	W. H. H. Clayton	Fort Smith.
Rhode Island	Jasper M. Pinnell	DeWitt.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Tennessee	Charles N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.

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SUBORDINATE TO THE

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THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1889.

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AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1889

Occidental Council No. 1—Little Rock.

OFFICERS:

FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... T. I. M.
JNO. P. KANES ..... P. C. of W.
C. KANTOROWICZ ..... D. I. M.
FRED. KRAMER ..... Treasurer.
JAMES A. HENRY ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Adams, John D.
Baer, Ferd
Butler, E. J.
Basham, Jno. P.
Clark, Geo. W.
Dodge, R. L.
Dobbins, W. K.
Dinsdale, Richard
Darragh, T. J.
Fletcher, H. L.
Farrell, Wm., Jr.
Farrell, Omer P.
Griffith, S. L.
Karnes, John P.
McAlmont, Jno. J.
Mathews, E. D.
Meade, Geo. H.
Metcalf, Ed.
Navra, Samuel
Pfeifer, Philip
Pinnell, J. M.
Rymal, H. S.
Roots, Logan H.
Roots, P. K.
Rosenbaum, C. E.
Rickon, F. J. H.
Ramsay, E. A.
Skidmore, G. W.
Thompson, W. J.
Williams, Sam W.
Wolf, Isaac
Wall, E. B.
Ward, J. H.

Adoniram Council No. 2—Camden, Ouachita County.

OFFICERS:

C. H. STONE,.....T. I. M. W. K. RAMSAY,.....P. C. of W.
J. T. DARBY, ...D. I. M. J. A. PROCTOR,.....Treasurer.
A. A. TUFTS,..... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Felsenthal, D.
Friedheim, A.
Hardy, W. R.
Lightfoot, E. W.
Whitfield, W. E.
Millen, H. A.
Myar, H. W.
Newton, D.
Sale, R. F.
Died—B. F. Morgan.

Osiris Council No. 5—Fort Smith, Sebastian County.

OFFICERS:

J. H. T. MAIN,.....T. I. M. C. M. BARNES, ... P. C. of W.
FRANK PARK.....D. I. M. STEPHEN WHEELER,..... Treasurer.
JAMES H. HAMILTON, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Atkinson, B. F.
Ayers, C. C.
Baer, Simon
Baer, Herman
Bocquin, C. F.
Clark, G. C.
Clayton, W. H. H.
Hays, H. J.
Hammitt, R. W.
Hall, Charles
Hendry, J. R. A.
Klein, F. J.
Miller, Louis
Mellette, W. M.
Reutzel, Henry
Smith, (P.), John
Schulte, G. W.
Seals, R. D.
Sample, W. A.
Sandels, M. H.
Young, D. C.

Bentonville Council No. 6—Bentonville, Benton County.

OFFICERS:

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R. N. CORLEY, ...D. I. M. N. P. GOTCHER, ...Treasurer.
C. W. CLAPP, ... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Beach, B. S.
Blake, T. T.
Burnes, J. P.
Hobbs, J. M.
Hogan, J. H.
Mitchell, J. F.
Steel, M. D.
Talliaferro, C. D.
Talliaferro, J. W.

Searcy Council, No. 12—Searcy, White County.

OFFICERS:

G. A. DANNELLY.....T. I. M. .....P. C. of W.
W. A. B. JONES.....D. I. M. W. B. CARTER.....Treasurer.
L. G. CANFIELD.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Bradley, J. W.	Holland, J. G.	McRae, D.
Edwards, James	Jones, L. M.	Neal, Jno. H.
Evans, S. D.	Milner, T. L.	Patterson, J. W.
Edie, J. W.	Moore, J. M.	Sewell, F. P.
Ellis, T. B.	McCauly, J. C.	Yarnell, W. A.

Batesville Council, No. 13—Batesville, Independence County.

OFFICERS:

SAMUEL PEETE.....T. I. M. J. P. JONES.....P. C. of W.
D. C. EWING.....D. I. M. W. B. RUDDELL.....Treasurer.
J. A. HOLMES.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Brown, J. C.	Cook, Jno. M.	Maxfield, H. N.
Bone, John C.	Desha, R. M.	Mayfield, J. G.
Bacharach, Sig.	Dickenson, Ed. M.	Neill, Robert
Bevens, W. A.	Grover, J. L. W.	O'Brien, G. A.
Carter, R. M.	Handford, S. L.	Smith, F. J., Sen.
Cannon, Jno.	Jacoby, M.	Smith, F. J., Jun.
Con, Joseph W.	Joblin, A. H.	

English Council No. 14—Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

OFFICERS:

M. L. BELL.....T. I. M. C. G. NEWMAN.....P. C. of W.
.....D. I. M. A. BLUM.....Treasurer.
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MEMBERS:

Boyd, Newton	Hanson, H.	Stubblefield, George
Bradley, A. E.	Lynch, Thomas	Scull, Henry W.
Barnett, W. H.	Marsh, John T.	Stephens, C. F.
Baker,	Moore, Isaiah	Simmons, J. F.
Browning, W. H.	Mills, D. J.	Spring, John V.
Clegg, John L.	Moore, George B.	St. John, T. J.
Cady, H. G.	Montague, James	Sorrels, T. F.
Cook, N. L.	Nathan, Henry	Trimble, D. S.
Fritz, J. L. B.	O'Connell, John	Vernon, W. J. D.
Grace, A. B.	Purdon, W. C.	Vining, T. W.
Grotian, C. H. A.	Rucks, J. T.	Weil, Charles

Blakeney Council No. 19—Clarendon, Monroe County.

OFFICERS.

J. S. PRICE.....T. I. M. P. C. EWAN..... P. C. of W.
T. M. HORSFALL.....D. I. M. ISAAC HALPIN.....Treasurer.
——..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Black, S. L.
Cocke, J. A.
Dunlop, W. S.
Fritzen, N. J.
Garrett, James A.
Hurst, Dickerson.
Johnson, B. F.
Kerr, B. F.
Kerr, W. D.
Lambert, B. J.
Mayo, James.
Mayo, W. M.
Martin, M. D.
Pledger, G. D.
Wilburn, W. A.
Walker, James W.

Augusta Council No. 22—Augusta, Woodruff County.

OFFICERS:

J. P. HOUSE,.....T. I. M. IGNATIUS ROTTMAN,.....P. C. of W.
S. E. DENT,.....D. I. M. J. M. TAYLOR,.....Treasurer.
W. E. FERGUSON..... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Butler, T. M.
Butler, J. W.
Carl Lee, Ed. S.
Ferguson, S. P.
Greenwald, J.
Jones, Alex. W.
Murphy, J. L.
Maberry, A. F.
Patient, W. J.
Rottman, V.
Sawyer, L. M.
Shearer, John
Wilkerson, J. B.
Died.—Ed. T. Jones, C. W. Montague.

Hot Springs Council No. 23—Hot Springs, Garland County.

OFFICERS:

JNO. J. SUMPTER,.....T. I. M. ED. HOGABOOM,.....P. C. of W.
S. P. COLLINGS,.....D. I. M. W. J. LITTLE,.....Treasurer.
W. H. C. BROADDUS,.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Bentz, P. S.
Butterfield, I. L.
Butterfield, D. O.
Cressy, A. P.
Dwyer, M.
Ellsworth, P. H.
Eveland, Charles O.
Garrett, Charles
Jacks, J. T.
Kennedy, J. F.
Whittington, Alf.
Latta, Geo. G.
Murphy, C. P.
Rix, Charles N.
Sumpter, Wm.
Taylor, R. H.

Marianna Council No. 25—Marianna Lee County.

OFFICERS:

J. P. FARRAR, SR. .....T. I. M. PETER BRICKEY, ...P. C. of W.
H. N. HUTTON, ...D. I. M. J. E. LEARY, ...Treasurer.
W. H. CLARK, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Brickey, G. R.
Baxter, T. A.
Black, E. L.
Becker, T.
Cotton, H. W.
Daggett, J. M.
Deener, R. S.
Dunham, J. P.
Eggleston, C. L.
Foreman, R. R.
Futral, T. A.
Govan, F. H.
Leary, J. E.
Lesser, Julius
Lownsberry, J. D.
McCulloch, E. A.
McCulloch, P. D., Jr.
McVeigh, H. R.
Northern, P. E.
Ragland, E. D.
Robertson, Jos.
Stayton, D. H.
Turley, Ellis
Willey, S. M.
Wilson, C. A.
Wright, S. H.
Died—G. A. Balick.

Brilliant Star Council No. 27—Dardanelle, Yell County.

OFFICERS:

W. H. GEE, ...T. I. M. L. C. HALL, ...P. C. of W.
F. V. WHITTLESEY, ... D. I. M. M. JESSUP, ...Treasurer.
J. W. POUND, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Bullock, R. C.
Boles, Thomas
Cox, Thomas
Evans, W. W.
Forest, J. C.
Garrison, A. S.
Gibson, T. M.
Harkey, J. M.
Heck, J. B.
Hicks, J. W.
Kimball, G. L.
Kline, Henry
MacDonald, D. F.
Madenwald, A.
Morrow, W. B.
Mourning, D. M.
Ross, Jno. A.
Shinn, N. D.
Sims, J. M.
Smith, W. J.
Smith, L. M.
Thomson, J. M.
Thomson, C. P.
Turner, J. F.
Wyatt, T. M.

Hindsville Council No. 28—Hindsville, Madison County.

OFFICERS:

C. S. KEENEY, ...T. I. M. J. W. SOUTHERLAND, ...P. C. of W.
E. C. HARRELL, ...D. I. M. .....Treasurer.
J. D. BEVERS, ...Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Brock, S. A.
Baker, Joshua
Copening, J. L.
Neill, J. A.
Spradling, E.
Todd, J. A.
Williams, E. P.

Harrisburg Council No. 29—Harrisburg, Poinsett County.

OFFICERS:

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J. G. GANT,.....D. I. M. WM. AINSWORTH,.....Treasurer.
J. LOGAN SMITH,..... Recorder.

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Freeman, Foster
Gant, John B.
Griffin, A C.
Hamilton, Alex.
Harris, B. F.
Houghton, H. H.
Wyse, Thomas H.
Warren, D. B.
Usery, William

Walnut Ridge Council, No. 30—Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County.

OFFICERS:

GEO. THORNBURGH.....T. I. M. J. M. PHELPS.....P. C. of W.
F. E. TAYLOR.....D. I. M. A. C. PHELPS.....Treasurer.
A. B. ISRAEL.....Recorder.

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Brigg, H. L.
Collier, M. F.
Childress, B. M.
Davis, E. M.
Douglass, J. H.
Hughes, W. A.
Hill, G. M.
Henderson, A. G.
Houser, C. H.
Israel, J. F.
Liedell, Robert
Maynard, J. J.
Montgomery, D. N.
McNiel, J. A.
Phelps, Z. C.
Reese, J. T.
Sheets, E. V.
Stephens, G. N.
Taylor, F. G.
Tipton, S. C.
Tucker, F. W.
Williamson, S. B.

Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31—Sulphur Rock, Independence County.

OFFICERS:

J. H. KENNERLY.....T. I. M. J. N. CHURCHILL.....P. C. of W.
T. E. CARTER.....D. I. M. JAMES M. SANDERS.....Treasurer.
W. G. WILSON..... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

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Aydelotte, J. D.
C. D. Churchill.
Churchill, J. C.
Cook, B. M.
Crabtree, G. A.
Frost, Charles.
Hunt, John
Kirkland, C. C.
Kelly, Louis
Liggett, J. F.
Lindsey, D. T.
Lambertson, R. J.
Massey, G. L.
Mack, Y. M.
Moore, J. A.
Williford, J. C.
Moore, J. E.
Moore, W. F.
Martin, F. M.
Price, William
Prince, Wm.
Prince, O. R.
Reid, D. W.
Waldrip, J. J.
Williams, James

Grand Officers,

ELECTED AND INSTALLED 1889.

COMP.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD,	Little Rock.	Illustrious Grand Master
COMP.·. CHARLES N. RIX	Hot Springs	Deputy Grand Master
COMP.·. ED. S. CARL LEE	Augusta	Grand Principal Cond'r of Work
COMP.·. GEORGE H. MEADE	Little Rock	Grand Treasurer
COMP.·. J. A. HENRY	Little Rock	Grand Recorder
COMP.·. W. K. RAMSEY	Camden	Grand Captain of Guards
COMP.·. J. F. MITCHELL	Springtown	Grand Chaplain
COMP.·. GEO. A. DANNELLY	Riverside	Grand Lecturer
COMP.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY	Dardanelle	Grand Marshal
COMP.·. J. H. Kennerly	Sulphur Rock	Grand Steward
COMP.·. ED. METCALF	Little Rock	Grand Sentinel

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The Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday, the twentieth day of November, A. D. 1890, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

Comp.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... M.·. P.·. Grand Master.
Comp.·. CHARLES N. RIX ....Deputy Grand Master.
Comp.·. ED. S. CARL LEE ....Grand P. C. of Work.
Comp.·. FRED. KRAMER .... as Grand Treasurer.
Comp.·. JAMES A. HENRY .... Grand Recorder.
Comp.·. GEO. L. KIMBALL .... as Grand Captain of the Guard.
Comp.·. J. F. MITCHELL .... as Grand Chaplain.
Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Lecturer.
Comp.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY .... Grand Marshal.
Comp.·. J. H. KENNERLY .... Grand Steward.
Comp.·. ED. METCALF .... Grand Sentinel.

PAST OFFICERS:

Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. C. W. MILLARD ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. SAM W. WILLIAMS ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. GEORGE THORNBURGH ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. JAMES M. HARKEY ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. LOGAN H. ROOTS ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. GEORGE L. KIMBALL ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. D. D. LEACH ..... Past Grand Master.

And the Representatives of the following Subordinate Councils:

OCCIDENTAL	No. 1	FAY HEMPSTEAD, T. I. M.
ADONIRAM	No. 2	W. K. RAMSEY. P. C. of W.
BENTONVILLE	No. 6	R. J. LAUGHLIN, T. I. M.
SEARCY	No. 12	GEORGE A. DANNELLY, T I. M.
AUGUSTA	No. 22	ED. S. CARL LEE, T. I. M. IGNATIUS ROTTMAN, P. C. of W.
HOT SPRINGS	No. 23	J. J. SUMPTER, T. I. M.
BRILLIANT STAR	No. 27	F. V. WHITTLESEY, Dep. I. M.
HARRISBURG	No. 29	A. C. GRIFFIN, Delegate.
WALNUT RIDGE	No. 30	GEO. THORNBURGH, T. I. M.
SULPHUR ROCK	No. 31	J. H. KENNERLY, T. I. M.

Representatives of Sister Grand Councils:

Comp.·. J. A. HENRY, Grand Council of Connecticut.
Comp.·. JAMES M. HARKEY, Grand Council of Indiana.
Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY, Grand Council of Kentucky.
Comp.·. J. F. MITCHELL, Grand Council of Louisiana.
Comp.·. FRED KRAMER, Grand Council of Maine.
Comp.·. J. H. VAN HOOSE, Grand Council of New Jersey.
Comp.·. LOGAN H. ROOTS, Grand Council of New York.
Comp.·. ED. S. CARL LEE, Grand Council of Nebraska.
Comp.·. D. D. LEACH, Grand Council of Oregon.
Comp.·. JASPER M. PINNELL, Grand Council of Rhode Island.
Comp.·. CHARLES N. RIX, Grand Council of Tennessee.
Comp.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER, Grand Council of Wisconsin.

The reading of the Record of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

Illustrious Companion Fay Hempstead, M.·. P.·. Grand Master, delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Almost before we know it another year has speeded away to join its fellows in the unmeasured Past. Almost before we know it "Autumn into Autumn has flashed again" and we are brought together once more in our Annual reunion. To all of us, in greater or less degree, it has been an eventful year. All have, although it may have been unconsciously, wrought large parts of that career which a Guiding Hand shapes and directs for us, and which are destined to have so great an effect upon that Future to which we daily, hourly, move.

In Cryptic Masonry the year although not one of incessant action, has nevertheless been one in which events of importance are to be noted. One of these consists in the establishment of

SAM WILLIAMS COUNCIL, U. D.

On the 20th of March, 1890, I granted a Dispensation to Companions Fla. Wright, B. W. Corn, James F. Clements, Pat H. Wheat, J. M. King, T. M. Horsfall, Geo. H. Meade, Charles E. Rosenbaum and Fred J. H. Rickon for the establishment of a Council at Lonoke, to be called Sam Williams Council, with Companion Pat H. Wheat as Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion James F. Clements, as Deputy, and Fla. Wright, as Principal Conductor of Work.

In April, in company with Companions Sam W. Williams and John Scott, of Occidental Council No. 1, I visited Lonoke and instituted the Council there, conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Masters upon fifteen candidates, and healed two who had been made in Councils appendant to Chapters. An election for the remaining officers was held by my direction, and the officers so elected were duly installed. This new Council starts off with excellent material and good officers, and I feel sure will make a worthy record for itself among its sister Councils.

At the conclusion of our labors we were most hospitably entertained by our Companions of Lonoke, by a sumptuous feast at the Lonoke Hotel, tendered with all the heartiness and hospitality for which our Brethren and Companions of that thriving city are so noted.

Our worthy Companion Dannelly reports to me that while at Magnolia in August he found the Companions of Pike Council desirous of having their Council re-organized, and accordingly as Grand Lecturer, he took the necessary steps to revive the same. Collected and transmitted to the Grand Recorder a year's dues and installed their officers August 2d. I took pleasure in heartily approving Companion Dannelly's action, as it was for the good of the Order in general, and of Pike Council in particular.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED.

I appointed Most Illustrious Companion, George D. McBride of Gallipolis, Ohio, Grand Representative of Arkansas, near the Grand Council of Ohio.

And nominated the following Companions:

Companion GEORGE THORNBURGH, to be re-appointed as Grand Representative of Illinois, near the Grand Council of Arkansas.

Companion W. W. GARLAND, for re-appointment as Grand Representative of Ohio.

Companion C. W. MILLERD, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Florida.

Companion IGNATIUS ROTTMAN, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Kansas.

Companion GEORGE L. KIMBALL, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Massachusetts.

Companion F. V. WHITTLESEY, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Hampshire.

Companion SAMUEL PEETE, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina.

Companion J. H. KENNERLY, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Scotland.

Companion FREDERICK KRAMER, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Maine, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Companion Geo. H. Meade.

DEATH OF COMP.·. GEO. H. MEADE, GRAND TREASURER.

This sad event occurred in this city on the 18th day of October. Companion Meade had been our Grand Treasurer since 1877, a period of thirteen years, and we greatly miss his presence from amongst us. As it was so near to our Annual Session, I did not deem it necessary to appoint any successor in office, but to leave that matter until the session of this Grand Council.

THE RITUAL.

One of the most important events of the year, has been the promulgation by the General Grand Council of the United States, of the Ritual of the work for the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, adopted by the General Grand Council at its last session, in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 20th, 1889, for the government of itself and of all its immediate subordinates. I obtained a copy of this work in May from the General Grand Master, Most Illustrious George W. Cooley, and now have it for delivery to my successor. This work having therefore received the approval of the General Grand Council, it becomes this Grand Council to consider whether it will not be desirable for us to adopt the same as the work for Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction, for the sake of placing ourselves in harmony with the workings of the General Grand Council; and if the same shall be adopted, to take steps to cause

the Ritual to be promulgated to our Subordinate Councils for their guidance in whatever may seem to be the most desirable manner. I earnestly hope and recommend that such be done.

CONCLUSION.

Thus, Companions, I render to you an account of my Stewardship. Although its incidents may prove to be meagre, I trust they will not be found unimportant or ineffectual. I am pleased to recognize that progress has been made; that strength has been acquired, that vigor has been awakened. And I trust and believe that in the hands of my successor the Cryptic Order will go on finding new energy and with renewed interest, reaching to and towards its full measure of strength. Let us remember all the more acutely, lessons of fidelity and zeal which we draw from its teachings, and let our progress be ever marked and onward.

"Forward, forward, let us range,
Let the great world spin forever down the ringing
Grooves of change."

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

Companion R. J. Laughlin moved that, so much of the M.·. P.·. Grand Master's Address as refers to Ritual be referred to a Special Committee; so much as refers to the death of Companion George H. Meade, to Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

On Ritual.—Companions R. J. Laughlin, Logan H. Roots and Geo. L. Kimball.

On Memorials of the Dead.—Companions George Thornburgh, Jasper M. Pinnell and J. H. Kennerly.

The Grand Recorder made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

As Grand Recorder I beg leave to make the following report:

Nov. 22, 1889—To cash on hand			$ 63 25
May 1, 1890—To cash from Blakeney Council, No. 19			17 50
" 1, " " " " Sam. W. Williams Council, U. D.			20 00
Aug. 16, " " " " Pike Council, No. 8			7 00
Oct. 1, " " " " Hot Springs Council, No 23			15 25
" " " Osiris Council, No. 5			11 50
" " " Occidental Council, No. 1			12 75
" " " Walnut Ridge Council, No. 30			7 25
" " " Adoniram Council, No. 2			3 25
" " " Augusta Council, No. 17			6 25
" " " Marianna Council, No. 25			13 50
" " " Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31			9 00
" " " English Council, No. 14			18 50
" " " Searcy Council, No. 12			12 00
" " " Harrisburg Council, No. 29			4 25
Total			$221 25
Dec. 24, 1889—By cash paid for P. O. stamps	$10 00		
" 24, " " " " " Stationery	3 00		
" 24, " " " " " Gen. G. Council dues for 1889,	9 00		
Jan. 2, 1890, " " " " Printing Proceedings	70 00		
Mar. 1, " " " " " P'tg letter heads and envelopes,	6 50		
June 2, " " " " " T. I. G. M. for Ritual	10 00		
Oct. 1, " " " " " Grand Recorder's salary	50 00		$158 50
Balance in the Treasury			$ 62 75

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. HENRY, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. A ballot was had, which resulted as follows:

Comp.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... M. P. Grand Master.
Comp.·. CHARLES N. RIX ..... R P. Deputy Grand Master.
Comp.·. ED. S. CARL LEE ..... R. P. Grand P. Conductor of W.
Comp.·. FREDERICK KRAMER ..... R. P. Grand Treasurer.
Comp.·. J. A. HENRY ..... R. P. Grand Recorder.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master-elect made the following appointments:

Comp.·. GEO. L. KIMBALL ..... R. P. Grand Captain of Guard.
Comp.·. D. B. WARREN ..... R. P. Grand Chaplain.

Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY.....R. P. Grand Lecturer.
Comp.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY.....R. P. Grand Marshal.
Comp.·. J. H. KENNERLY.....P. Grand Steward.
Comp.·. ED. METCALF.....P. Grand Sentinel.

The officers elected and appointed were installed by M.·. P.·. Past Grand Master, George Thornburgh.

On motion of Companion John J. Sumpter, a sufficient sum was appropriated for the expenses of the Recorder's office, printing proceedings, etc.

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of R. and S. Masons of Arkansas:

Your Committee on Memorials of the Dead fraternally submit that it is with sadness we report upon the death of our late Grand Treasurer, Companion George H. Meade.

Companion Meade was in the prime of life and usefulness, and we had reason to hope for him many years of usefulness among us; but we know not the day nor the hour of the coming of the Messenger of Death. It is with great satisfaction that we can report that Companion Meade was prepared to meet his God in peace and enter the Grand Council above. Appropriate memoirs have been presented to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter upon the death of Companion Meade, and we heartily approve the high estimate placed upon his worth in those reports.

Fraternally,
GEO. THORNBURGH,
J. H. KENNERLY,
J. M. PINNELL.

Companion Logan H. Roots, from the Committee on Ritual, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ritual adopted by the General Grand Council at its recent assembly, be, and is hereby adopted as the Standard Ritual of this Grand Council and the Subordinate Councils of this Jurisdiction. And it is hereby made incumbent upon the M.·. P.·. Grand Master to adopt such means as in his wisdom is deemed best to promulgate the same in this Grand Jurisdiction.

R. J. LAUGHLIN,
LOGAN H. ROOTS,
GEORGE L. KIMBALL.

DEGREE OF SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER COMMUNICATED.

Illustrious Companion George L. Kimball, Past M.·. P.·. Grand Master, having received the degree of Super Excellent Master at the session of the Grand Council at Atlanta, Georgia, November, 1889, and having obtained authority from the M.·. P.·. General Grand Master of the United States to communicate the same to such

Companions as might be entitled to receive it, communicated said degree to the following named Companions, members of regular Councils within the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, to-wit:

Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD, M.·. P.·. Grand Master.
Companion CHARLES N. RIX, Deputy Grand Master.
Companion GEORGE THORNBURGH.
Companion LOGAN H. ROOTS.
Companion D. D. LEACH.
Companion JAMES A. HENRY.
Companion JOHN J. SUMPTER.
Companion J. M. PINNELL.
Companion JAMES M. HARKEY.
Companion H. S. RYMAL.
Companion F. J. KLEIN.
Companion J. H. KENNERLY.
Companion B. M. COOK.
Companion JOHN W. EDIE.
Companion ED. S. CARL LEE.
Companion T. M. HORSFALL.
Companion E. A. SMITH.

There were present, Companions R. J. Laughlin and B. F. Askew, who had previously received the degree.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock, during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

ATTEST:
J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1890.

Names of Councils.	Numbers.	STATED MEETINGS.	Received and Greeted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	No. of Members.	Dues for 1890.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Second Monday in each month	3								39	$12.75	$12.75
Adoniram	2	Fifth Saturday in each month				1					13	3.25	3.25
Osiris	5	Second Thursday in each month	5								25	11.50	11.50
Bentonvllle	6												
Pike	8	Third Saturday in each month	2								21	6.75	7.00
Ward	9												
Searcy	12	Second Monday in each month	7	1							27	12.00	12.00
Batesville	13												
English	14	First Monday in January, April, July and October									37	9.25	9.25
Blakeney	19												
Augusta	22	Second Monday in each month	2								17	6.25	6.25
Hot Springs	23	Fifth Friday of each month	8								29	15.25	15.25
Marianna	25	Third Thursday in each month	5			1					34	13.50	13.50
Brilliant Star	27	Fourth Monday in each month									30	7.50	
Hindsville	28	Saturday after full moon									12	3.00	
Harrisburg	29	Fourth Wednesday in each month									17	4.25	4.25
Walnut Ridge	30	Wednesday on or after each full moon									29	7.25	7.25
Sulphur Rock	31	Fourth Saturday in each month	3			1					28	9.00	9.00
Sam. W. Williams	U D												
			35	1		3					358		111.25

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	‡Luke E. Barber	‡E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	R. L. Dodge	‡E. H. English.
*1861						
*1862						
*1863						
*1864						
1865	‡E. H. English	‡A. J. Ward	‡J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	R. L. Dodge	‡T. D. Merrick.
1866	‡E. H. English		‡John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	‡W. D. Blocher.
1867	‡Harris Flanagin	B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	R. L. Dodge	‡Loui George	‡W. D. Blocher.
1868	‡Harris Flanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	Fred. Kramer	‡W. D. Blocher.
1869	‡E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	M. L. Bell	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1870	G. A. Dannelly	‡John W. Jordan	‡E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1871	‡E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. F. Powell	‡John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1872	‡E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1873	‡James T. Stinson	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1874	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	‡M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millard	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1875	‡M. M. McGuire	‡E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Milner	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1876	C. W. Millard	‡J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1877	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1878	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
†1879						
†1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Launcelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1883	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1884	James M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1885	Logan H. Roots	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1886	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1887	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1888	D. D Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1889	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. Carl Lee	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1890	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. Carl Lee	Fred. Kramer	J. A. Henry.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Councils.	Names.	Address.
California	Wm. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
England and Wales	Rt. Hon. Henry James, Earl of Euston	8 Red Lion Square, London.
Florida		
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illinois	Alex. T. Darrah	Bloomington.
Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	Wm. T. Benedict	New Orleans.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland	C. C. Isaacs	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	Geo. H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	C. S. Hanks	Oleon.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina	Andrew J. Howell	Wilmington.
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	Wm. C. Crawford	Corvallis.
Ohio	Geo. D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. W. Humphries	Anderson.
Tennessee	Henry C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

Grand Councils.	Names.	Address.
California	M. L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida	C. W. Millard	Magnolia.
Georgia	Wm. C. Langford	Eldorado.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indiana	James M. Harkey	Russellville.
Kansas	Ignatius Rottman	Augusta.
Kentucky	Geo. A. Dannelly	Searcy.
Louisiana	J. F. Mitchell	Bentonville.
Maine	Frederick Kramer	Little Rock.
Maryland	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts		
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Launcelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
New Hampshire	F. V. Whittlesey	Dardanelle.
New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York	Logan H. Roots	Little Rock.
Nebraska	Ed. S. Carl Lee	Augusta.
North Carolina	Samuel Peete	Batesville.
Ontario	George W. Clark	Little Rock.
Oregon	D. D. Leach	Augusta.
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	W. H. H. Clayton	Fort Smith.
Rhode Island	Jasper M. Pinnell	DeWitt.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Tennessee	Charles N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Sidney J. Sanford	Barrie, Ont.
Connecticut	J K. Wheeler	Hartford.
England and Wales	C. F. Mattier, 3 and 4 Lincoln Inn Fields	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	Gill W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Betchtel	Trenton.
New York	George Van Vliet, 6th Ave. and 23 St	New York.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Oregon	F. J. Babcock	Salem.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer, 1717 Chestnut St.	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	William R. Green	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace	Edinburgh.
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Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Springfield.
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General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Fletcher, H. L.
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Griffith, S. L.
Hollenberg, F. B. T.
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Schulte, G. W.
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Kelso, J. G.
McIntyre, ——
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Baker, ——	Moore, Isaiah	Simmons, J. F.
Browning, W. H.	Mills, D. J.	Spring, John V.
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Hamilton, Alex.
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Houghton, H. H.
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Massey, G. L.
Mack, Y. M.
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Moore, J. E.
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Price, William
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COMP.·.CHARLES N. RIX	Hot Springs	Deputy Grand Master
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COMP.·.ED. METCALF	Little Rock	Grand Sentinel

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge, by the Illustrious Grand Master.

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1891

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The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday, the twentieth day of November, A. D. 1891, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

Comp.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... M.·. P.·. Grand Master.
Comp.·. CHARLES N. RIX ..... Deputy Grand Master.
Comp.·. ED. S. CARL LEE ..... Grand P. C. of Work.
Comp.·. FRED. KRAMER ..... Grand Treasurer.
Comp.·. JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder.
Comp.·. GEORGE L. KIMBALL ..... as Grand Captain of the Guard.
Comp.·. J. F. MITCHELL ..... as Grand Chaplain.
Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Lecturer.
Comp.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY ..... Grand Marshal.
Comp.·. J. H. KENNERLY ..... Grand Steward.
Comp.·. ED. METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST OFFICERS:

Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. C. W. MILLARD ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. SAM W. WILLIAMS ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. GEORGE THORNBURGH ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. JAMES M. HARKEY ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. LOGAN H. ROOTS ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. GEORGE L. KIMBALL ..... Past Grand Master.

And the Representatives of the following Subordinate Councils:

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BENTONVILLE	No. 6	R. J. LAUGHLIN, T. I. M.
PIKE	No. 8	S. H. DAVIS, Delegate.
SEARCY	No. 12	G. A. DANNELLY, T. I. M. JOHN T. HICKS, Deputy I. M.
BATESVILLE	No. 13	J. C. McGUIRE, proxy for T. I. M.
ENGLISH	No. 14	A. B. GRACE, P. C. of W.
AUGUSTA	No. 22	R. I. CARL LEE, T. I. M.
HOT SPRINGS	No. 23	C. N. RIX, P. C. of W.
MARIANNA	No. 25	J. P. FARROW, proxy for T. I. M. PETER BRICKEY, for Dep. I. M.
BRILLIANT STAR	No. 27	F. V. WHITTLESEY, Dep. I. M. L. C. HALL, P. C. of W.
HARRISBURG	No. 29	E. L. JACOBS, T. I. M.
SULPHUR ROCK	No. 31	J. H. KENNERLY, T. I. M. JOHN HURT, proxy for Dep. I. M. B. M. COOK, proxy for P. C. of W.
CENTRAL	U. D.	W. K. DOBBINS, T. I. M. G. D. DICKERSON, proxy Dep. I. M.

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Comp.·. J. A. HENRY, Grand Council of Connecticut.
Comp.·. JAMES M. HARKEY, Grand Council of Indiana.
Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY, Grand Council of Kentucky.
Comp.·. J. F. MITCHELL, Grand Council of Louisiana.
Comp.·. FRED KRAMER, Grand Council of Maine.
Comp.·. J. H. VAN HOOSE, Grand Council of New Jersey.
Comp.·. LOGAN H. ROOTS, Grand Council of New York.
Comp.·. ED. S. CARL LEE, Grand Council of Nebraska.
Comp.·. JASPER M. PINNELL, Grand Council of Rhode Island.
Comp.·. CHARLES N. RIX, Grand Council of Tennessee.
Comp.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER, Grand Council of Wisconsin.

Comp.·. B. F. ATKINSON, Grand Council of England and Wales.
Comp.·. IGNATIUS ROTTMAN, Grand Council of Kansas.
Comp.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Council of Maryland.
Comp.·. SAM W. WILLIAMS, Grand Council of Michigan.
Comp.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY, Grand Council of New Hampshire.

The reading of the record of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Fay Hempstead, delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Companions of the Grand Council of Arkansas:

A twelve month, that has flown swiftly by, brings us together once more in our Annual Union. While it seems but an exceeding brief space of time, Autumn, returning upon itself, has filled the circle of the year, and we are once more gathered about the Altar of Cryptic Masonry, to receive its beautiful precepts, and to learn anew the lessons taught in its solemn rites.

The year that has passed has been one of more than usual importance to the Craft in this jurisdiction.

One of the most important incidents has been

THE PROMULGATION OF THE RITUAL.

You will doubtless remember that at the session of the General Grand Council of the United States at Atlanta, in November, 1889, a Ritual of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master was adopted; and was recommended to the Grand Councils of the several States as a means of securing uniformity in the work. Our own Grand Council, at its succeeding session, November, 1890, adopted said Ritual, and made it the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to promulgate the same in such manner as his wisdom might suggest. (*Page 57, Proceedings 1890.*)

In accordance with this direction, I, having in May, 1890, received from the General Grand Master, Most Puissant George W. Cooley, then General Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, a duly authenticated copy of the Ritual so adopted, caused a limited number of copies thereof to be printed in cypher and condensation, and held them for sale to Council Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, known or vouched for, under certain restrictions which I thought proper to impose. These restrictions were that, before becoming possessed of said Ritual, each person was required to sign, in duplicate, an agreement to keep the same carefully, and, in the event of such person's death, that the same shall be returned by his representatives to the Grand Recorder at Little Rock. This agreement was then to be pasted in the front page of the Ritual furnished, the duplicate being filed away; and the book itself being numbered and registered. This, it is hoped, will secure for any of them a prompt return into the proper channel, after the lifetime of the possessor. But even if any should fall into outside hands, it is believed that none but those acquainted could become possessed of its essential parts.

Under the system above set forth, such number of copies of the work was sold as to defray the expense of printing, and to afford a small amount in excess, which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

SAM WILLIAMS COUNCIL, U. D.

Sam Williams Council, U. D., at Lonoke, not having had its minutes before the last Grand Council for the procuring of a Charter, and the matter having escaped our attention at that session, I granted a Dispensation to said Council to continue at work until this Grand Council, and hope at this session to have a full report from them.

PIKE COUNCIL, No. 8.

On the 8th of July, upon application of the officers of Pike Council, No. 8, endorsed and recommended by our Right Illustrious Grand Lecturer, Companion George A. Dannelly, I granted a Dispensation for the removal of the domicile of Pike Council from Magnolia, Columbia county, to Waldo, in the same county, a distance of some eight miles, and directed that the same should be noted of record.

BENTONVILLE COUNCIL, No. 6.

The information was communicated to me by Companion R. J. Laughlin, Thrice Illustrious Master of Bentonville Council, No. 6, that the Charter of that Council had been lost or mislaid, and could not be found after most diligent search. Neither is there anything in the Grand Recorder's office, or anywhere in our printed proceedings to show when, by whom, or to whom said Charter was originally granted, from which a duplicate Charter could be issued. All that could be found concerning its earlier history, is that, in the ledger, dues are charged for 1876 and 1887, and there occurs a lapse until 1887, from which period dues are regularly charged to date. A portion of this time, to-wit, from 1878 to 1887, is covered by the period in which Councils in this jurisdiction were merged into the Chapters, in which no dues accrued; and I infer that, after the severance of the two in 1887, Bentonville Council did not revive until, say 1887 which accounts for the whole period shown on the books.

It is, of course, necessary that they should have some written authority to exhibit for their right to hold Council, and there being nothing from which to issue a duplicate Charter, I granted them a Dispensation, empowering them to continue at work until they could bring the matter before this Grand Council and ask of it the issuance of a Charter now, to take the place of their lost one, and made up from the best information on the subject as to when, who by, and to whom issued, that can be obtained. The matter will doubtless be brought before you by the representatives of that Council, and in any event, I would recommend that such Charter be ordered by this Grand Council to be issued to them.

NECROLOGICAL.

ALBERT PIKE.

In the early part of April, the sad intelligence was received that on the 2nd day of that month, in Washington City, our great Masonic Head, Albert Pike, was called to his eternal rest. The relation which he bore to Council Masonry in Arkansas, made it particularly proper that this Grand Council should take notice

of the occurrence, as well as the fact of his prominence as a Mason in general; for it was through and by him as Deputy Grand Inspector General of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, that a Dispensation was granted to Occidental Council, No. 1, of Little Rock, which was the introduction of Council Masonry among us. For these reasons I caused a circular to be issued and sent to the various Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as to sister Grand Councils throughout the United States, expressive of our sorrow at the sad occurrence, and of the esteem in which we held the distinguished dead. A copy of said circular I present herewith, and suggest, that for preservation, it be incorporated into our printed minutes of this session at the end of the record of proceedings.

IRA BERRY.

On the 14th day of October, I received, through Illustrious Companion Frederick Kramer, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Maine, intelligence of the death, at Portland, Maine, September 20, 1891, of Illustrious Companion Ira Berry, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Maine, and otherwise distinguished in Masonic circles, he having attained the advanced age of ninety years. I at once communicated to that Grand Council, through their Grand Representative, our sympathetic condolence at the decease of this venerable companion, who had served his Craft so worthily and well; and I recommend that a memorial page, suitably inscribed, be set apart in our printed proceedings, dedicated to him; who, from his long series of earthly labors, has been called "up higher."

Other than these, my attention has not been called to any connected with Council Masonry who have been called away from among us.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED.

On the 8th of January, 1891, I appointed Companion George M. Gross, of Chicago, to be our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Illinois, vice Companion Alex. T. Darragh, deceased; and on the 4th of September, 1891, I appointed Companion W. W. Garland, of Morrilton, to be the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, near this Grand Council; he to be his own successor.

DEGREE OF SUPER-EXCELLENT MASTER.

I have taken great interest in this degree, which is a new degree in this Grand Jurisdiction, and have done considerable work therein during the year. Before recounting the occasions, however, it will be proper to give a brief history of the status of the degree with us.

The degree is recognized as an appendant degree by the language of Sec. 11, Art. I, of the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States, and is conferred in the regular course by many Councils, though considered simply as an honorary degree by others. (*Mackey's Encyclopædia, 766; History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, 669.*)

Mackey well defines it to be an enlargement or extension of a part of the Royal Arch degree.

At our session in 1887, Most Illustrious Grand Master George L. Kimball, made the following recommendation in his Annual Address:

"The appendant degree of Super-Excellent Master being incorporated in the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and conferred in many jurisdictions, * * * * I would recommend that the degree be recognized in this jurisdiction as one of the Council degrees. However, leaving the conferring of the same optional with the several Councils."

In accordance with this recommendation, the following resolution was adopted: (*See page 365, Proceedings of 1890.*)

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Council recognize and adopt as part of its work, the appendant degree of Super-Excellent Master, the actual working of said degree being left to the option of the Subordinate Councils."

In 1889, Illustrious Companion Kimball, being in attendance upon the session of the General Grand Council at Atlanta, received the degree communicated by Most Puissant General Grand Master Cooley; and obtained from him authority to communicate the same to others entitled in this jurisdiction. Having myself, with other companions, received the degree communicated by Illustrious Companion Kimball, at our session of 1890, I, on the 29th of April, 1891, communicated the same to Companions John T. Marsh, of E. H. English Council, No. 14; T. L. Milner, of Searcy Council, No. 12, and George P. Taylor, R. & S. Masters.

On the 11th of May, 1891, I communicated the degree to Companions Fred Kramer, Charles Kantorowicz, Ed. Metcalf, J. E. Gowdy, S. N. Proudfoot, P. K. Roots, A. Grottian and G. W. Skidmore, members of Occidental Council, No. 1, Little Rock, that Council having resolved to confer the degree as one of its regular degrees; and on the 9th day of November communicated the same to Companion Sam W. Williams, he having been prevented from being in attendance at the time of its being communicated to the aforesaid class.

On the 15th of said month, in my double capacity of Most Illustrious Grand Master and Thrice Illustrious Master of said Council, I conferred the degree on a class consisting of Companions Charles L. Thompson, A. M. Heisman, August Sundholm, Arthur C. Jones, Edward J. Arnold, W. K. Dobbins, Adolph Cohen, and David W. Pollock, of said Council. The degree was conferred with the full ceremonial, and although conferred now for the first time in our history, was done with a degree of effect and impressiveness that added greatly to the interest of our ceremonies. I think such would be the case with it everywhere when fully conferred.

On the 12th of October, also in the same Council and in the same way, I conferred the degree on Companions Thomas H. Jones and John P. Karns, members of said Council.

On the 19th of May, 1891, I visited Searcy Council, No. 12, at Searcy, Arkansas, and communicated the degree to Companions George A. Dannelly, Theo. Moyer and J. T. Hicks, and afterwards, with their assistance and that of Companions T. L. Milner, John W. Edie and another companion, who had previously received it, I conferred the degree on Companions Horace Jewell, J. W. Bradley, Eugene Cypert, L. G. Canfield, John G. Holland, Ben Isbell, J. W. Armstrong and W. B. Carter, all members of Searcy Council, No. 12.

On the 9th of October, 1891, Illustrious Companion, George L. Kimball, at my request, and in pursuance of his authority from the General Grand Master,

communicated the degree to Companions L. C. Hail, A. Madenwald, R. C. Bullock, W. W. Evans and J. W. Pound, members of Brilliant Star Council, No. 27.

So that we may regard the degree as being now firmly implanted among us, and likely to be actively worked.

RITUAL OF THE DEGREE.

We greatly need to have a Ritual for this degree of Super-Excellent Master. I have been using one kindly furnished to me by Companion George D. McBride, of Gallipolis, Ohio, our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Ohio, which is the correct and established work of the degree; but this, of course, can supply our needs only in a very limited circle. Since the degree has been incorporated among us, and is actively being worked, there is a manifest necessity that the Ritual thereof should be promulgated, so that Council Masons of our jurisdiction may obtain access thereto. I accordingly recommend that this Grand Council take such steps for the promulgation of the Ritual, as its wisdom may suggest.

DEFECTS IN OUR CONSTITUTION.

I have discovered certain particulars in which our Constitution is in conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States, and I here make mention of them in the hope that they may be rectified, and we be placed more in harmony with the superior instrument. They are as follows:

ERROR IN OUR NOMENCLATURE.

Section 15 of Article I, of our Constitution says: "The style of this Grand Council shall be, 'Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas;' of the Grand Master, 'Most Puissant;' of the other Grand officers, 'Right Puissant,' except the Grand Steward and Grand Sentinel, whose style is 'Puissant.' "

Section 2 of Article I, of the General Grand Council says: "This Grand Council shall be composed of * * * * all Most Illustrious Grand Masters and all Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the several constituent Grand Councils." From this it will be seen that the correct title should be "Most Illustrious,' and 'Right Illustrious,' instead of 'Most Puissant,' etc. The title 'Most Puissant' is that used for the General Grand Master, and the word 'Puissant' applies to the remaining officers; but the title of the officers of a State Grand Council should bear the word 'Illustrious.' "

OMISSION OF CONDUCTORS OF COUNCIL.

Section 1 of Article I, of our Constitution in enumerating who shall compose the Grand Council, fails to include the office of Grand Conductor of the Council. In Section 2 of Article I, of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, that officer is specified, being next in rank after the Grand Captain of the Guard. He is also made an indispensable and important officer in the doing of the work, and most certainly ought to be included.

RANK OF OFFICERS.

My attention has also been called to the fact that our Constitution gives a different order of rank from that of the General Grand Council in the following particulars:

Our Constitution gives the following order after Grand Recorder, to-wit: Grand Captain of the Guards, Chaplain, Marshal, Steward and Sentinel.

The Constitution of the General Grand Council gives them in the following order: Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Marshal, Steward and Sentinel.

This changes places as between Chaplain and Captain of the Guard; and introduces Conductor of the Council next following. I recommend that our Constitution be amended in these particulars so as to exactly accord with the Constitution of the General Grand Council; and I suggest that the amended Constitution be published in our printed minutes of the session at which the same are adopted.

Proposed amendments may be acted on at the session at which they are proposed, if two-thirds of the Councils of the Jurisdiction are represented and concur in such proposition; otherwise they are required by Section 1, Article III, to lie over until the Annual Assembly next succeeding the one at which the same are proposed.

CONCLUSION.

Thus companions in the foregoing have I rendered to you an account of the stewardship with which you have honored me. It is not a record of great deeds certainly, but yet it is one which I contemplate with satisfaction on account of some things done well therein, and which I trust may prove to be fruitful of further thought and deed in the years that are to come. After all, the sum of human endeavor consists not in the doing of isolated great things, but in the doing well of the numberless lesser deeds of the passing hour; the laying up, not of a sudden, but from time to time, of a goodly heritage, which shall fall unto us "when time shall sunder pearl from shell."

So it has been my endeavor to do with diligence such things in the cause of Cryptic Masonry as my opportunities have afforded, and if in the doing of them I shall have obtained your approval I shall regard it with feelings of unalloyed gratification; pleased with the belief that I shall have in some measure "discharged my duty to the Craft."

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 20, 1891.

OFFICE OF THE M.·. I.·. GRAND MASTER

Grand Council, R. & S. Masters of Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 6, 1891.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of the Several Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction, and to all Companions R. & S. Masters at large:

COMPANIONS :

The sad intelligence is borne to us of the death at Washington, D. C., on the evening of April 2, 1891, of our beloved Companion,

ALBERT PIKE,

in the eighty-second year of his age.

This event, so momentous to the Masonic world in general, and so nearly concerning us, calls for something more than an ordinary expression from us: for not only was he indissolubly connected with Masonry generally within our Grand Jurisdiction, but more especially is the existence of Council Masonry in Arkansas the fruit of his labors. It was through him, under the fostering care and protection of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, that our first Council was established, and thus was Council Masonry introduced into our midst.

The eminence of our beloved Companion in the Craft, and the greatness of his mental gifts have become matters of general history. In his death we have lost our ripest scholar, and the foremost Mason of this or any age. His labors in Masonic fields have builded for him a name imperishable in the memories of the Craft.

As a memorial of him, a recognition of his greatness, and a testimony of our affection for him, I hereby direct that this circular shall be read by the Recorder to each Council at the first meeting after its receipt, and be placed as a memorial page in the records of each Council, and that the altar do stand suitably draped in mourning for a period of ninety days.

FAY HEMPSTEAD,

M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

Attest:

J. A. HENRY,

Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

As Grand Recorder I beg leave to make the following report:

Nov. 22, 1890—To cash on hand	$62 75		
" " from Pike Council, No. 8	5 25		
Oct. 14, 1891 " " " Bátesville Council, No. 13	13 50		
14, " " " " Pike Council, No. 8	5 25		
19, " " " " Marianna Council, No. 25	7 75		
19, " " " " Adoniram Council, No. 2	3 00		
23, " " " " Occidental Council, No. 1	17 00		
Nov. 13, " " " " Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31	10 50		
14, " " " " Hot Springs Council, No. 23	14 75		
16, " " " " Central Council, U. D	6 00		
17, " " " " Brilliant Star Council, No. 27	15 00		
18, " " " " Searcy Council, No. 12	5 25		
18, " " " " Bentonville Council, No. 26	10 50		
18, " " " " Osiris Couhcil, No. 5	7 00		
18, " " " " Harrisburg Council, No. 29	6 00	$189 50	
Jan. 1, 1891, By cash paid for printing proceedings	71 00		
Mar. 9, " " " " " Gen. Grand Council dues	8 00		
April 3, " " " " " Ark. Democrat, printing	2 75		
April 3, " " " " " Janitor	2 50		
" " " " " Postage stamps	3 50		
Oct. 1, " " " " " Grand Recorder's salary	50 00	$137 75	
Nov. 29, 1891, Balance in Treasury			$ 51 75

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

Companion W. K. Ramsey offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ritual be placed in the hands of the Recorder to be sold at two dollars per copy, with the pledges. And that the thanks of the Grand Council be extended to M.·. P.·. Grand Master Fay Hempstead for his labor in having the Ritual printed.

Companion W. K. Ramsey offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine and revise the Constitution and laws of this Grand Council and make the same harmonize with the Constitution and Edicts of the General Grand Council of the United States and submit their report to the next assembly hereof.

The special committee on the above resolutions consists of Companions Fay Hempstead, Logan H. Roots and Sam W. Williams.

Companion Logan H. Roots offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the T. I. G. M. and R. I. Grand Recorder be and they are hereby directed to prepare a document reciting such facts as are known concerning the lost Charter of Bentonville Council, No. 6, which document shall be full warrant and authority to said Council to work to the same extent as a Charter in ordinary form.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. A ballot was had, which resulted as follows:

Comp.·. CHAS. N. RIX ..... M. P. Grand Master.
Comp.·. ED. S. CARL LEE ..... R. P. Deputy Grand Master.
Comp.·. PETER BRICKEY ..... R. P. Grand P. C. of W.
Comp.·. FRED. KRAMER ..... R. P. Grand Treasurer.
Comp.·. J. A. HENRY ..... R. P. Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master-elect made the following appointments:

Comp.·. A. B. GRACE ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
Comp.·. R. J. LAUGHLIN ..... Grand Con. of Council.
Comp.·. J. M. PINNELL ..... Grand Chaplain.
Comp.·. GEO. A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Lecturer.
Comp.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY ..... Grand Marshal.
Comp.·. J. H. KENNERLY ..... Grand Steward.
Comp.·. ED. METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel.

The officers elected and appointed were installed by M.·. P.·. Past Grand Master, Fay Hempstead.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

We, your Committee on Credentials and Returns, fraternally report that the following Councils have made returns and paid dues:

Occidental ..... No. 1
Adoniram ..... No. 2
Pike ..... No. 8
Searcy ..... No. 12
Batesville ..... No. 13
Augusta ..... No. 22
Hot Springs ..... No. 23
Marianna ..... No. 25
Brilliant Star ..... No. 27
Harrisburg ..... No. 29
Sulphur Rock ..... No. 31

Bentonville Council, No. 6—No returns for 1890, but paid dues to date.
Ward Council, No. 9—No returns or dues since 1885.
English Council, No. 14—No dues for 1890. No returns or dues for 1891.
Hiram Council, No. 18—No returns or dues since 1881.
Blakeney Council, No. 19—No returns or dues for 1888, 1890 or 1891.
Hindsville Council, No. 28—No dues for 1890 or 1891.

J. F. MITCHELL,
L. C. HALL.
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, would respectfully beg leave to report:

I.

That we have examined the records of Central Council, U. D., located at Conway, Arkansas, and find the same neat, regular and well kept. We are satisfied that the companions are proficient in the work, and we recommend that a Charter be granted to said Council.

II.

We have inquired into the circumstances of Sam W. Williams Council, U. D., and find that while no meetings have been held and no work done for a long time, still, quite a number of the companions are active and anxious to revive the Council and go to work, but are prevented from doing so by the fact that the Thrice Illustrious Master and Deputy Master are both non-residents and absent from the State, and the P. C. of W. will not attend or call a meeting.

We would respectfully recommend that the Dispensation be continued; that the M. P. G. M. appoint new officers for said Council, and that Companion T. M. Horsfall be authorized to call a meeting of the Council and attend to the re-organization of the same and report his action to this Grand Council at its next session.

In the case of Bentonville Council, No. 6, whose Charter has been lost or destroyed, we recommend that a new Charter be issued to said Council without charge in lieu of the one so lost.

Fraternally submitted,
A. B. GRACE,
J. W. EDIE,
PETER BRICKEY,
Committee.

The following being tendered as material were elected to receive the degree of Royal and Select Master:

Companions E. Leming, of Dardanelle Chapter, No. 64, and Charles K. Sithen, of Whitfield Chapter, No. 4.

The following Companions were elected to receive the degree of Super-Excellent Master:

F. B. T. HOLLENBERG ..... Occidental Council, No. 1
E. H. DAVIES ..... Pike Council, No. 8
H. J. HAYS ..... Osiris Council, No. 5
W. K. RAMSEY ..... Adoniram Council, No. 2
JOHN P. FARRAR ..... Marianna Council, No. 25
PETER BRICKEY ..... Marianna Council, No. 25
JOHN A NEILL ..... Hindsville Council, No. 28
C. S. KEENEY ..... Hindsville Council, No. 28
J. T. CHASTAIN ..... Bentonville Council, No. 6
GEORGE L. BATES ..... Bentonville Council, No. 6
A. B. GRACE ..... E. H. English Council, No. 14
B. M. COOK ..... Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31
G. D. DICKERSON ..... Central Council, U. D.
JOHN W. HURT ..... Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31
J. C. MCGUIRE ..... Batesville Council, No. 13
NEWTON BOYD ..... E. H. English Council, No. 14
DAVID H. STAYTON ..... Searcy Council, No. 12
JOHN SCOTT ..... Occidental Council, No. 1
JOHN C. BONE ..... Batesville Council, No. 13
T. J. TYGART ..... Sam Williams Council, U. D.
B. F. ATKINSON ..... Osiris Council, No. 5
A. B. WILLIAMSON ..... Brilliant Star Council, No. 27
J. H. ROTEN ..... Made in Grand Council.
J. H. HOY ..... Made in Grand Council.
J. N. P. HILL ..... Made in Grand Council.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock, during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

CHARLES N. RIX,
M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

ATTEST:
J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

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APPENDIX.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1891.

Name of Council.	No.	Stated Meeting.	Received and Greeted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspen'd for Non-Paym't of Dues.	Suspen'd for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	No. of Members.	Dues for 1891.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Second Monday in each month	6	2		1					44	$17 00	$17 00
Adoniram	2	Fifth Saturday night				1					12	3 00	3 00
Osiris	5	Second Thursday in each month				2					28	7 00	7 00
Bentonville	6	R. J. Laughlin	6								18		10 50
Pike	8	Third Saturday in each month									21	5 25	5 25
Ward	9												
Searcy	12	Second Monday in each month									21	5 25	5 25
Batesville	13	Last Saturday in each month				1					26	6 50	6 50
English	14												
Blakeney	19												
Augusta	22	Fourth Monday in each month									17	4 25	4 25
Hot Springs	23	—— Friday of each month	6								35	14 75	14 75
Marianna	25	Third Thursday in each month				1					31	7 75	7 75
Brilliant Star	27	First Monday in each month									30	7 50	7 50
Hindsville	28	Saturday after each full moon									12	3 00	
Harrisburg	29	Fourth Wednesday in each month	2			1					16	6 00	6 00
Walnut Ridge	30	Wednesday after each full moon	1								30	8 25	
Sulphur Rock	31	Fourth Saturday in each month	3			2					30	10 50	10 50
Sam W. Williams	35												
Central	U D	Third Thursday in each month	3								12	6 00	6 00
			27	2		9					383		111 25

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	‡Luke E. Barber	‡E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	R. L. Dodge	‡E. H. English.
*1861						
*1862						
*1863						
*1864						
1865	‡E. H. English	‡A. J. Ward	‡J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	R. L. Dodge	‡T. D. Merrick.
1866	‡E. H. English		‡John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	‡W. D. Blocher.
1867	‡Harris Flanagin	‡B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	R. L. Dodge	‡Louie George	‡W. D. Blocher.
1868	‡Harris Flanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	Fred Kramer	‡W. D. Blocher.
1869	‡E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	M. R. Bell	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1870	G. A. Dannelly	‡John W. Jordan	‡E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1871	‡E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. F. Powell	‡John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1872	‡E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1873	‡James T. Stinson	‡G. W. Laughinghouse.	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1874	‡G. W. Laughinghouse.	John J. Sumpter	‡M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millard	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1875	‡M. M. McGuire	‡E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Milner	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1876	C. W. Millard	‡J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1877	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1878	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
†1879						
†1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Lancelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1883	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1884	James M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1885	Logan H. Roots	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1886	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1887	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1888	D. D. Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1889	Fay Hempstead.	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. Carl Lee	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1890	Fay Hempstead.	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. Carl Lee	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1891	Charles N. Rix	Ed. S. Carl Lee		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.

‡Dead.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
California	Wm. Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
England and Wales	Rt.Hon.Henry James,Earl of Euston	8 Red Lion Square, London.
Florida		
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illinois	Geo. M. Gross	Chicago.
Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	Wm. T. Benedict	New Orleans.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland	C. C. Isaacs	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	Geo. H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	C. S. Hanks	Oleon.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina	Andrew J. Howell	Wilmington.
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	Wm. C. Crawford	Corvallis.
Ohio	Geo. D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. W. Humphies	Anderson.
Tennessee	Henry C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
California	M. L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida	C. W. Millard	Magnolia.
Georgia	Wm. C. Langford	El Dorado.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indiana	James M. Harkey	Russellville.
Kansas	Ignatius Rottman	Augusta.
Kentucky	Geo. A. Dannelly	Searcy.
Louisiana	J. F. Mitchell	Bentonville.
Maine	Frederick Kramer	Little Rock.
Maryland	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts		
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Lancelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
New Hampshire	F. V. Whittlesey	Dardanelle.
New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York	Logan H. Roots	Little Rock.
Nebraska	Ed. S. Carl Lee	Augusta.
North Carolina	Samuel Peete	Batesville.
Ontario	George W. Clark	Little Rock.
Oregon	D. D. Leach	Augusta.
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	W. H. H. Clayton	Fort Smith.
Rhode Island	Jasper M. Pinnell	DeWitt.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Tennessee	Charles N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Grand Recorder.	Residence.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Sidney J. Sanford	Barrie, Ont.
Connecticut	J. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
England and Wales	C. F. Mattier, 3 and 4 Lincoln Inn Fields	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	Gil W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Serranus Bowen, 28 School St	Boston.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	George Van Vliet, 6th Ave. and 23rd St	New York.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Oregon	F. J. Babcock	Salem.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer, 1717 Chestnut St	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	William R. Green	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Ft. Wayne, Ind.

LIST OF COUNCILS

SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS

AND THEIR

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1891.

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SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS,

AND

THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1891.

Occidental Council, No. 1—Little Rock.

OFFICERS:

FAY HEMPSTEAD.....T. I. M. SAM W. WILLIAMS.....P. C. of W.
F. J. H. RICKON.....D. I. M. FRED. KRAMER.....Treasurer.
JAMES A. HENRY.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Adams, John D.
Arnold, Ed. J.
Baer, Ferd.
Bradfield, L. H.
Butler, E. J.
Basham, John P.
Clark, Geo. W.
Crankhiete, H. M.
Dodge, R. L.
Dobbins, W. K.
Dinsdale, Richard
Darragh, T. J.
Fletcher, H. L.
Farrell, Wm. J.
Farrell, Omer P.
Ferguson, J. M.
Gowdy, J. E.
Griffith, S. L.
Heiseman, A. M.
Hollenberg, F. B. T.
Jones, Thos. H.
Jones, A. C.
Karnes, John P.
Kantorowicz, Charles.
McAlmont, John J.
Mathews, E. D.
Metcalf, Ed.
Navra, Samuel.
Pfeifer, Phillip.
Pinnell, J. M.
Pollock, D. W.
Rymal, H. S.
Roots, Logan H.
Roots, P. K.
Rosenbaum, C. E.
Ramsey, E. A.
Scott, John
Skidmore, G. W.
Sundholm, Aug.
Thompson, W. J.
Thompson, Chas. L.
Wolf, Isaac.
Wall, E. B.
Ward, J. H.

Adoniram Council, No. 2—Camden, Ouachita County.

OFFICERS:

C. H. STONE.....T. I. M. W. K. RAMSEY.....P. C. of W.
J. T. DARBY.....D. I. M. J. A. PROCTOR.....Treasurer.
A. A. TUFTS.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Felsenthal, D.
Lightfoot, E. W.
Millen, H. A.
Myar, H. W.
Newton, D.
Sale, R. F.
Whitfield, W. E.

Osiris Council, No. 5—Fort Smith, Sebastian County.

OFFICERS:

.....T. I. M.
C. M. BARNES..... P. C. of W.
FRANK PARK.....D. I. M.
STEPHEN WHEELER.....Treasurer.
JAMES H. HAMILTON ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS;

Atkinson, B F.
Ayers, C. C.
Baer, Simon.
Baer, Herman.
Bocquin, C. F.
Bryant, E. E.
Clark, G. C.
Clayton, W. H. H.
Hill, J. M.
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The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge, by the Illustrious Grand Master.

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The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday, the eighteenth day of November, A. D. 1892, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

Comp.·. CHARLES N. RIX.....M. P. Grand Master.
Comp.·. PETER BRICKEY.....M. P. Deputy Grand Master.
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The M.·. P.·. Grand Master announced the following Committees:

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Committee on Memorials of the Dead:

J. T. HICKS. J. R. DONNELL. J. M. PINNELL.

The reading of the record of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Charles N. Rix, delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council of Arkansas:

Resistless as the tides that rise and fall, and silent as the flight of thought, is the stride and tread of Time in its unguided march, unheeded but for the passing day, until a twelve-month is lost, never to return, as we again meet in Grand Assembly, to renew our fraternal friendships; cement still closer the bonds of fellowship; widen the avenues of Masonic intellect; deepen the channels of charity and brotherly love; and to legislate for the permanence of the foundation principles—especially those of Cryptic Masonry—that the grand superstructure towering above the nine arches of its foundation may prove everlasting.

A twelve-month has passed and still we are laboring in the clay grounds through which the broad highway to advancement passes; still presenting our work for inspection and approval of our fellow-man, and still waiting for the way to be left open some day, that shall reveal to us that great unknown of the future, when the canopied arch of heaven shall be ours to enter, by a door that has been left open to us all, and where fervency and zeal, silence and secrecy, will be justly rewarded by that Grand Steward whose sleepless vigilance watches over and guards our welfare, and directs our footsteps, by making darkness light before them.

Illustrious Companions, I greet you, as you only may be greeted, and with grateful thanks, that, while the cycle of another year has been traversed its entire circumference, yet do we again assemble, missing but few of the familiar faces that have for so many years and so often welcomed us with smiles of kindness, and the words of wisdom we so loved to hear from those learned in the professions and principles of our beloved Order, and particularly those of the Cryptic Rite.

I bid you thrice welcome to the halls of deliberation and the avenues of our Annual Assembly, where we shall again, with confidence and pleasure, reflect upon the

record of the past, that we may be enabled thereby to prepare our footsteps for the future, with courage and zeal; make clear the avenues of wisdom from all rubbish, that there may be no convenient means of causing confusion; and in all things endeavor to bring light where darkness may have caused delay, and thus consistently and manfully pursue our chosen journey; for some in its infancy, for some in its prime, for some past meridian and about finished, and for some already finished and at an end among our earthly brotherhood.

In this closing line I am sorrowfully reminded, Companions, that for one of our best beloved it *has* indeed already been finished, and his journey is at an end.

One, who a short year ago joined so cheerfully with us in conferring the beautiful ceremonies of our Order; one who so meekly yet fearlessly taught the sublime chances of death, in which the "young may die, the old must die," yet the wisest know not how soon. "Many are called, but few are chosen." Yet he has been called and chosen. The designs upon his earthly trestle-board are finished. He was even then walking in the valley and very shadow of death. He has accomplished the common doom of man. "Brief life is our portion here." His reward will be found buried there.

I can form no sentences that so aptly apply, as the words written by him upon the death of our greatly beloved Companion, John M. Clayton, which I quote:

"But idle are the words of woe, and vain the voice of praise. Our brother needs no eulogy. He has gone from among us, 'tis true; he sleeps, and sleeps well, no doubt; his form will moulder in the dust of ages, but longer than sculptured marble or storied verses can stand the test of time, will his character and name be cherished and crystalized in the memory of the members of our Order."

Companions, I refer, as you may know, to Companion George Leonard Kimball, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, who died August 29, 1892, in Concord, N. H., where he was visiting in the hope of benefiting his impaired health.

His Masonic career was one of pleasure to the Craft who knew him, an honor to himself, and of distinction within the Order. His first service in this Grand Council was as its Deputy Grand Master, in 1885, and next, as Most Illustrious Grand Master, in 1886, and a re-election in 1887. Of his efficient services in the other Grand Bodies of this jurisdiction it is not necessary for me to here advert, they being well and favorably known to all of you.

At the time of Companion Kimball's death I was absent from the State. Upon my return, after learning of his death, I csused the following circular letter to be issued, announcing his death:

"OFFICE OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER,
"ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,
"HOT SPRINGS, ARK., September 20, 1892.

"*To the Thrice Illustrious Master and Companions of the Several Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas:*

"COMPANIONS—A Royal and Select Master Workman in the Ninth Arch has surrendered his tools, discontinued his work, and has silently passed all barriers and

Sentinels, even unto the entrance of that Everlasting Arch guarded by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

"Death! oh, thou Death! hath passed all sentinels, unmindful of their vigilance or challenge for the pass-word, and strides on and on, with steps that never tire or cease.

"With sorrow filling my heart is it that I announce the death of Companion

GEORGE LEONARD KIMBALL,

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, which occurred August 29, 1892, at Concord, New Hampshire, the home of his boyhood, and in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

"His Masonic record I need not recapitulate. It is known to us all as bright, honorable, earnest and learned; but we mourn the loss of that kindly smile, the welcome grasp of the hand, and those words of light and knowledge that pertained to Cryptic Masonry.

"To our departed Companion, Cryptic Masonry was always of interest, and to it he devoted much of his great store of knowledge and experience, and to him this Grand Council and the Subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction are greatly indebted for their present standard of excellence.

"Therefore, let us emulate his example in our future conduct; and in testimony of our appreciation, and in memory of his many virtues, I hereby direct that the Council rooms, altar and jewels, of each Council in this jurisdiction, shall be suitably draped in mourning for a period of ninety days; that this testimonial be read at the first meeting of each Council after it is received, and that it be recorded upon the records of each Council as a further tribute to his memory.

"CHAS. N. RIX,
"*Most Illustrious Grand Master.*

"Attest:
"J. A. HENRY, *Grand Recorder.*"

I recommend that a Memorial page be set apart to his memory in our printed proceedings, with such other tribute to his memory and worth as may be thought proper by our Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

CONDITION OF THE RITE.

Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas is steadily advancing in interest and zeal of action and healthfulness of spirit, made so by the excellent and learned administration of the previous chief officers of this Grand Body, combined with the adoption and promulgation of the ritual adopted by the General Grand Council of the United States.

Uniformity of work in the ceremonies is becoming apparent, interest is increasing, and ambitions are being raised that are laudable and of lasting benefit to all, and gradually thus the several Councils in this jurisdiction are becoming stronger in all that is most essential; they meet oftener than of yore, and, as a result, I think new Councils will soon be organized where needed, as the interest in the Rite advances.

The past year has not been fruitful in this latter respect—I mean the organization of Councils—but for this there have been, in my judgment, good and sufficient reasons;

that for this Grand Jurisdiction—the secret vaults are now quite numerous, and our Councils, in number, stand well up with those of many States with greater population, more accessible by lines of transportation, and vastly superior in position, wealth, and intelligence among the masses. This view, if correct, is to the Masons of Arkansas flattering and commendable, and a condition that every Mason within the borders of our State may be justly proud of, and can be pointed to, in my humble judgment, as another of the many convincing proofs of the *undervalued* Christian influences and principles of Freemasonry.

The Grand Councils in ten States yet stand independent of the fostering influences of the General Grand Council of the United States, and will not yield their sovereignty in a small measure, and thus form a combined circle, a Masonic family of more numerous adoptions, to be watched over and guided by the wisdom and conservatism of the combined vigilance and intelligence of representatives from all. Some of them even go to the extraordinarily extreme sovereign distinction of intimating that those Grand Councils subordinate to the General Grand Council are not their *peers*, and refuse an interchange of Grand Representatives. Because we acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Council, and its healthy, governing influences, we are no less a Mason or Masons, and, in no sense, no less the peer or peers of the Grand Councils that remain independent of the General Grand Council. I hope ere many years to see this mistaken assumption dissolved by the good work accomplished by the General Grand Council, the stimulating influences it necessarily raises, and a revival of earnest and intelligent action in Cryptic Masonry, so that by moderation and kindness we may strengthen the ties of fellowship, and elevate our plane of usefulness to that degree of essential needs that all Grand Councils in the United States shall find it desirable and pleasing to be subordinate to the General Grand Council.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

In this branch of my administration of the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master, I regret to say, my official acts will be briefly compassed under their respective heads.

For quite a good portion of the past year I have been necessarily absent from the State, this year longer than usual outside my business requirements—by a vacation and rest from my business cares—hence, had I ever so great a desire to visit the Subordinate Councils, I would have been curtailed in that laudable desire by said absence.

Not even my vacation and attending pleasures of rest and recreation at the seaside, could have or would have compared with the satisfaction and pleasure I would have had and found in visitations to the several Councils of this jurisdiction; but, Companions, it was not entirely my choice—this absence from duty—but was that of a duty I could not deny, where ill-health had a foothold in my family circle. I am pleased and happy to say, that from no quarter have there come any requests or wants that have not been responded to promptly and cheerfully, so I feel in a great measure that the Sanctuary has been guarded with a vigilance other than mine, and with abilities and intelligence that require few guiding minds.

On July 18th, I made an official visit to Hot Springs Council, No. 23, and assisted in conferring the degrees on six Companions. I am pleased to say that the ceremonies were given in a most satisfactory manner, and with much interest and pleasure to all present, and strictly in accordance with our Ritual.

On September 17th, I received a courteous communication from Companion Geo. D. McBride, Grand Representative of Arkansas near the Grand Council of Ohio, asking if there were any special matters of interest I desired presented that Grand Council at its forthcoming Assembly.

Having nothing of special interest to present, I so replied, thanking him, and presenting through him the fraternal good will and greetings of the Grand Council of Arkansas to the Grand Council of Ohio. On October 22d, I received a reply from him, from which I quote as follows:

"I desire to report to you that your Representative was received and welcomed by the Grand Council of Ohio, and the fraternal greetings extended by you were duly presented. The Grand Council had a most harmonious and interesting meeting, there being a good attendance of officers and representatives of Subordinate Councils present. Recognition of the death of our personal friend and late Grand Master of Arkansas, Companion Geo. L. Kimball, was feelingly referred to in the address of Most Illustrious Grand Master Acklin."

DISPENSATIONS.

No Dispensations to form new Councils have been asked for.

On February 10, 1892, I granted a Dispensation to Pike Council, No. 8, on given date to open a Council for the purpose of electing officers and installing same, notwithstanding the Charter of said Council had been mislaid or lost, and authorized said Council to continue its assemblies, and work under said Dispensation, until its Charter was found or duplicate issued in its stead. I have received no further communications from said Council, hence I presume they have found the missing Charter.

I respectfully ask that my action be approved.

On July 18, 1892, for good and sufficient reasons, I granted a Dispensation to Hot Springs Council, No. 23, to elect and install officers, notice having been given all resident members of such expected action.

The reasons for this were quite lengthy, hence I have not incorporated them herein.

DECISIONS.

While the decisions asked for have not been very numerous, nor from different localities, yet those that have been asked for have been broad and cover many points of much interest, not only to the Cryptic brotherhood, but to the Order in general, as I think you will appreciate from the following case presented me for decision by Occidental Council, No. 1, of Little Rock. I recommend their careful consideration:

CASE.

A Companion Royal Arch Mason applied for the degrees in said Council, and after the usual proceedings of reference to a committee, report at subsequent meet-

ing, and ballot thereat, was duly elected to receive said degrees; and a night was appointed for the conferring of the same; of which each Companion of the Council was given due notice, through the usual course of the mails. Shortly before the arrival of the hour for the conferring of said degrees, a Companion of the Council appeared before the Thrice Illustrious Master, and stated that he objected to the candidate's receiving said degrees. Thereupon the conferring of said degrees was postponed, until further order, and the candidate was duly notified thereof.

Under the above case your decision is asked as to what are the law and the equities upon the following points, in order that a due regard for the rights of all parties may be observed, to-wit:

1. Can a Companion of a Council stop a candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees simply by appearing before the Thrice Illustrious Master, in the office of such Master, and there stating that he objects, without giving the grounds on which such objection is based?

Ans. No. Objection must be made in open Council, at any assembly thereof, or by communicating the objection to the Thrice Illustrious Master, either verbally or in writing at any assembly; or if unable to be present he may send his verbal objection by a Companion.

He cannot be required to disclose his reasons for objection.

2. Can such objection be presented privately, and orally, to the Thrice Illustrious Master; or must the same when made privately, and the grounds thereof, be in writing; or must it be made in open Council?

Ans. An objection can be presented privately and orally.

3. When grounds are stated as the basis of said objections, has the Council the right to pass upon the sufficiency of the objections, by a majority or other vote?

Ans. When reasons for objection are voluntarily disclosed, it does not deprive the objector of his individual right—that undeniable veto; but the Council may, if so submitted by the objector, pass upon their sufficiency, by a majority vote, at an assembly to be called for that purpose of which every resident member should have notice.

4. If the grounds of objection to a candidate elected as aforesaid, contain a charge or assertion of misconduct on the part of such candidate, has the Council a right to appoint a committee to investigate and report as to the validity of said charge, for the purpose of determining the sufficiency of the objection?

Ans. Yes, at any time before the degrees are conferred.

5. There being no uniform Code of By-Laws for the government of Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, has a Council the right to frame such by-laws as it shall see proper, in conformity with the existing laws, to govern such subjects as objections to advancement, and other subjects not specifically covered by the provisions of such existing laws?

Ans. A Council cannot make and adopt by-laws to govern objections to advancement.

6. What length of residence is necessary before a Council can entertain the petition of a Companion Royal Arch Mason for the Council degrees?

Ans. A Council may entertain a petition for the degrees any time after the petitioner has become an affiliated Royal Arch Mason and declares his residence to be at the place where the Council is located.

7. When circumstances indicate that a mistake has been made as to the identity of the person against whom an objection to advancement is made, may not a Council take such circumstances into consideration in determining the validity of the objections made?

Ans. Yes; but an objection made cannot be set aside, except as may be agreed upon and consented to by the objector.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

At our last Annual Assembly a committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Council, and I presume will be ready with their report at this Assembly.

I therefore recommend that a Uniform Code of By-Laws be adopted by this Grand Council, so they may be published with the revised Constitution that may be reported by said committee.

I recommend that an edict be passed prohibiting the use of any living person's name being given to a Council.

RITUAL.

Upon this question I have at all times taken much interest, in this and the other Grand Bodies of this jurisdiction, with the ardent hope and desire of seeing uniformity throughout the United States, and certainly throughout our own jurisdiction, and although we have adopted the Ritual of the General Grand Council, and it has been duly and officially promulgated, yet I feel that I shall have failed in my convictions of proper and faithful action, did I not express my personal feelings upon the manner in which our Ritual has been promulgated.

I think it indiscreet and improper to send our Ritual broadcast, as it were, to each and every Royal and Select Master who may wish to buy the same for two dollars. I believe upon proper consideration you will think so. I use no indiscretion in speaking of this, as it has been published in our last proceedings. By some means this action escaped my notice then, or I should have certainly entered my demurrer to such proceeding.

The manner of imparting the essentials and ceremonies by this Ritual I believe indiscreet and a mistake, and that such error should be speedily repaired. I intend no reflection upon the motives or acts of any companion, further than that which I take upon myself. We were all at fault and alike censurable. I feel that I should not have faithfully discharged my duty to the Craft did I not call your attention to the same at this time.

I therefore recommend that a special committee of five members be appointed by this Grand Council to consider this question, and report such action as in their judgment may seem proper and wise.

In conclusion, Companions, I have little else to say, but I should do my own sense of justice, appreciation and gratitude violence, and injustice to my convictions of honor and brotherly affection, did I not—as I now do—sincerely, earnestly and honestly tender my lasting gratitude to you all, for your uniform kindness, courteous treatment and association in the past years, yet more than all for your generons action in placing me in the distinguished positions which I have held in this, and the other Grand Bodies of this jurisdiction.

While I fully appreciate that my efforts for the advancement and good of the Order have been limited and deficient in many respects, yet I shall still cling to the grand hope that I have in no way created a dislike, an ill feeling, or a heart-ache, intentionally or otherwise, and while my efforts may have failed in bringing about much that would prove of benefit to the Order, yet I trust that you will believe that such as they have been all have been sincerely, consistently and honorably presented, and with the strictest sense of intent of the greatest good for all.

To you, kind Masters, am I indebted for the proud, honorable and distinguished station I have occupied the past year; to you my allegiance is due in the future to the same extent and as manifestly as before honoring me, and *even so you will have it.* I hope that, by our combined efforts and experience, we may foster the renewed interest, with endeavors to elevate to the highest standpoint of intelligence, forbearance and unity, the membership of our Order, and thus place it upon a plane, unattainable except by following our professions, which will be unassailable by the profane.

Continue, dear Masters, thy chosen faith,
  Be diligent in all without fault.
There never can exist an earthly wraith,
  That may enter our secret vault.

The entrance thereto is broad and wide;
  But the toilers therein will not halt
For the ebb or flow of centuries' tide,
  If it should enter our secret vault.

Our structure withstands all tests of Time,
  Our Arches without reasonable fault;
Charity spreads like a creeping vine,
  Inside and out of our secret vault.

Friendship, love, a Christian life,
  By our tenets are always taught;
Unknown, unheard, is turmoil or strife
  Among those who so long have wrought,

As workmen or Masters of skill,
  In quarry or forest, Arch or board,
  On floats at sea, or the river's ford,

In sunshine or shadow, or winter's chill.
Steadfast and sturdy, united we stand,
In brotherly love, sublimely grand;
In the secret vault we labor still,
Always in mind a God-fearing band;
Our tenure of life at His gracious will.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. N. RIX,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Companion Logan H. Roots offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the address of the Illustrious Master as refers to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

And that so much as refers to Decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

And that a special committee of five shall be appointed upon Ritual, to whom shall be referred the portion of the address upon the subject of Ritual custody and promulgation.

And that so much as refers to the Illustrious Grand Master Kimball be referred to the Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

The Grand Recorder made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

J. A. Henry, Grand Recorder,

In Acct. with Grand Council, R. & S. M.:

		Cr.	
1891.			
Nov. 29.	By balance on hand	$51 75	
1892.			
Oct. 1.	By Rituals, Nos. 38 to 58 inclusive	42 00	
Oct. 7.	By Adoniram Council, No. 2	2 75	
Oct. 28.	By Batesville Council, No. 13	7 50	
Oct. 28.	By Pike Council, No. 8	15 50	
Oct. 31.	By Marianna Council, No. 25	11 75	
Nov. 5.	By Occidental Council, No. 1	21 50	
Nov. 5.	By Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31	7 25	
Nov. 11.	By Hot Springs Council, No. 23	16 25	
Nov. 15.	By Brilliant Star Couucil, No. 27	18 50	
Nov. 15.	By Central Council, No. 36	9 50	
Nov. 18.	By Osiris Council, No. 5	11 50	
Nov. 18.	By Searcy Council, No. 12	5 25	
Nov. 18.	By Sam W. Williams Council, No. 32	19 75	—$240 75

1892.		Dr.	
Jan. 29.	To postage stamps	$ 4 60	
April 3.	To General Grand Council dues	10 00	
May 11.	To printing Proceedings of 1891	88 40	
Sept. 30.	To postage stamps	2 00	
Sept. 30.	To printing proclamation (Comp. Kimball)	4 00	
Sept. 30.	To printing blank returns	20 00	
Nov. 12.	To Grand Recorder's salary	50 00—	179 00
November 17, 1892.	Balance on hand		$ 61 75

Respectfully submitted, JAMES A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

AUGUSTA, ARK., November 11, 1892.

To C. N. Rix, I. G. M., care Ed. Metcalf, Masonic Temple:

On account of the sickness of my son I cannot be with you today, which I regret very much. ED. S. CARLLEE, D. G. M.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

We, your Committee on Credentials and Returns, beg leave to submit the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

Upon examination of credentials we find the following Companions entitled to seats and votes in this Grand Council:

OCCIDENTAL.....No. 1.....FAY HEMPSTEAD, T. I. M.
JOHN P. KARNES, Dept. I. M.
OSIRIS.....No. 5.....H. J. HAYS, proxy for T. I. M.
BENTONVILLE.....No. 6.....R. J. LAUGHLIN, T. I. M.
PIKE.....No. 8.....J. L. MARTIN, proxy for T. I. M.
SEARCY.....No. 12.....GEO. A. DANNELLY, T. I. M.
JNO. T. HICKS, Dept. I. M.
BATESVILLE.....No. 13.....JNO. C. BONE, proxy for T. I. M.
ENGLISH.....No. 14.....A. B. GRACE, P. C. of W.
HOT SPRINGS.....No. 23.....J. J. SUMPTER, T. I. M.
CHAS. N. RIX, P. C. of W.
P. S. BETTS, proxy for Dept. I. M.
MARIANNA.....No. 25.....PETER BRICKEY, P. C. of W., and proxy for T. I. M. and D. I. M.
BRILLIANT STAR....No. 27.....F. V. WHITTLESEY, Dept. I. M.
HINDSVILLE.....No. 28.....C. F. KEENEY, T. I. M.
SULPHUR ROCK.....No. 31.....J. H. KENNERLY, T. I. M.
E. W. COOK, proxy for P. C. of W.

SAM W. WILLIAMS..No. 32.....T. M. HORSFALL, T. I. M.
CENTRAL..... No. 33.....G. D. DICKERSON, proxy for T. I. M.
J. R. DONNELL, proxy for D. I. M.

Upon examination of Returns we find:

There are nineteen Councils upon the roll, fourteen of which are represented by twenty Representatives. Five Councils are unrepresented.

We find Bentonville Council, No. 6, has made no returns, and is in arrears for dues for 1892.

English Council No. 14, has made no returns, and is in arrears for 1891 and 1892.

Blakely Council No. 19, has made no returns, and is in arrears for 1890, 1891 and 1892.

Augusta Council, No. 22, has made no returns for 1892.

Hindsville Council, No. 28, has made no returns, and is in arrears for 1890, 1891 and 1892.

Harrisburg Council, No. 29, has made no returns, and is in arrears for 1892.

Fraternally submitted,

F. V. WHITTLESEY,
P. S. BENTZ,
T. M. HORSFALL,
Committee.

The Grand Council was then called to refreshment until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 P. M.

The Grand Council was called to labor, M.·. P.·. Grand Master Charles N. Rix presiding.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Companions F. V. Whittlesey, John T. Hicks and F. S. Baker, acting as tellers, with the following result:

M.·. I.·. CHARLES N. RIX ..... Grand Master
R.·. I.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER ..... Deputy Grand Master
R.·. I.·. PETER BRICKEY ..... Grand Principal Conductor of Work
R.·. I.·. JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder
R.·. I.·. FREDERICK KRAMER ..... Grand Treasurer
R.·. I.·. JESSE M. PINNELL ..... Grand Chaplain

The Grand Master-elect made the following appointments:

R.·. I.·. ANTHONY B. GRACE ..... Grand Captain of Guard
R.·. I.·. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN ..... Grand Conductor of Council
R.·. I.·. FRANCIS V. WHITTLESEY ..... Grand Marshal
R.·. I.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Lecturer
I.·. J. H. KENNERLY ..... Grand Steward
I.·. EDMUND METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel

The officers elected and appointed were installed by M.·. I.·. Past Grand Master Fay Hempstead.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 15, 1892.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the last session of this Most Illustrious Grand Council, "to examine and revise the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Council, and make the same harmonize with the Constitution and Edicts of the General Grand Council of the United States," having now performed that duty, beg leave hereby to submit, as the result of their labors, a Constitution prepared in accordance with the above directions. In the preparation of the same they have followed the provisions and the language of the previous Constitution, with only such changes as are necessary to conform to the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, as to nomenclature; the introduction of the office of Conductor of the Council; and the rank of officers; and the same is accordingly fraternally submitted for your consideration.

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
SAM W. WILLIAMS,
LOGAN H. ROOTS,
Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ARKANSAS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Grand Council shall be composed of a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Marshal, Grand Steward, Grand Sentinel; all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; all Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Illustrious Masters, and Principal Conductors of the Work, for the time being, of the several Councils under its juris-

diction, so long as such Past Grand Officers shall remain members of any Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

SEC. 2. Each member of this Grand Council shall have one vote, and in case of an equal division the Grand Master shall have an additional one; each Council is entitled to three votes, irrespective of the number of its Representatives present; and all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers designated in Section 1, may vote both as such and as Representative.

SEC. 3. Each of the three principal officers of a Subordinate Council has the right to appoint a proxy to attend the Grand Council in his stead; provided, all proxies must be members of such Council.

SEC. 4. The first six officers of the Grand Council shall be elected at the Annual Assembly by a majority of votes; and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master and hold office during his pleasure.

SEC. 5. The Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Councils under its jurisdiction; and shall have power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle controversies that may arise between them. It shall have power to grant Charters to new Councils within the State of Arkansas, and make laws for its own government and for its Subordinate Councils.

SEC. 6. The Grand Master has power to convene any Council within this jurisdiction; to preside therein; inspect their proceedings; and require their conformity to Masonic rules; he may require the attendance of, and information from, any Grand Officer, respecting his office; he may make Royal and Select Masters at sight, in a Council; he may grant Dispensations for new Councils, on proper application, when the Grand Council is not in session; and during the recess of the Grand Council may exercise all its executive functions.

SEC. 7. In case of the death, absence or disability, of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, shall, in succession, exercise his prerogatives, and discharge his duties, for all purposes.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer:

First. To take charge of all the funds, property, securities and vouchers of the Grand Council.

Second. To pay all orders duly drawn and attested; and to report annually to the Grand Council his receipts and expenditures.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder:

First. To record the transactions of the Grand Council.

Second. To sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Council.

Third. To prepare for the Annual Assembly, a correct list of the Past Officers of the Grand Council entitled to vote, together with the names and numbers of all Subordinate Councils entitled to representation in this Grand Council.

Fourth. To receive, and keep a proper account of, all moneys belonging to the Grand Council, and pay the same over, without delay, to the Grand Treasurer; and render an annual account to the Grand Council. He shall receive such compen-

sation as may be allowed by the Grand Council; together with one dollar for each certificate and seal, and ten dollars for each Charter issued.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Grand Officers, whose duties have not been hereinbefore specifically set forth, to discharge such functions as, by ancient usage, appertain to their offices.

SEC. 11. The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at Little Rock; immediately following the close of the Session Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas; but a Special Assembly may be called whenever the Grand Master may deem it necessary.

SEC. 12. The Grand Council may, when they deem it expedient, appoint a Grand Lecturer; and also, such Committees as may be necessary.

SEC. 13. The revenues of this Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources:

There shall be paid into the treasury of this Grand Council—

For every Dispensation to form a new Council	$20 00
And upon granting a Charter the further sum of	10 00
For every Charter granted by the Grand Council without a Dispensation having previously been granted	30 00
For every companion received and greeted in a Subordinate Council during the year	1 00
Every Council shall pay for each member annually	25

SEC. 14. Any Council neglecting or refusing to make returns and pay dues for more than one year shall forfeit its warrant, and be restored only by paying all back dues; and such delinquent shall not be allowed a representation, nor vote, in the Grand Council until so restored.

SEC. 15. The title of this Grand Council shall be "Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas;" of the Grand Master, "Most Illustrious;" of the other Grand Officers, "Right Illustrious;" except the Grand Steward and Grand Sentinel, whose title shall be, "Illustrious."

ARTICLE II.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

SECTION 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Illustrious Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Conductor of the Council, Steward and Sentinel, and as many members as may be convenient, congregated and working by virtue of a warrant held under the Grand Council, and at the place designated in the warrant or by the Grand Council.

SEC. 2. The powers and privileges of a Subordinate Council shall be such as are defined in its warrant, by this Constitution, or by the ancient landmarks.

SEC. 3. No warrant of a Council shall be forfeited except upon charges regularly made in the Grand Council at the Annual Assembly, of which due notice shall be

given the Council, and an opportunity of being heard in defense; and then only for disobedience to this Constitution, or for contumacy to the authority of the Grand Master or Grand Council; except for the causes set forth in Article I, Section 14; but a warrant may be suspended by the Grand Council or the Grand Master, at any time, upon proper cause; which suspension shall not extend beyond the next Annual Assembly.

SEC. 4. The first five officers of a Subordinate Council, hereinbefore named, shall be chosen annually by a majority of the voters. The other officers shall be appointed by the Thrice Illustrious Master.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of a Council to receive all moneys, paid in to the Council, from the hands of the Recorder; to keep a just and correct account thereof; and to pay the same out by direction of the presiding officer and the consent of the Council.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Recorder of a Council to record the proceedings of the Council; to receive all moneys paid in to the Council, and pay the same over to the Treasurer without delay; to transmit immediately after every election a certificate thereof to the Grand Recorder; and to make a full return annually to the Grand Council, in the form prescribed.

SEC. 7. No Council in this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than ten dollars.

ARTICLE III.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Council shall have power to alter or amend this Constitution at any time at an Annual Assembly, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present; provided, the proposed alteration shall have been submitted in writing at one Annual Assembly, and laid over until the next Annual Assembly for consideration; unless, two-thirds of the Councils in the jurisdiction being represented, such proposition shall be unanimously concurred in, in which case it may be adopted at once.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, would respectfully beg leave to report:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Arkansas:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, have only before us the minutes from one Council, Sam W. Williams. They have met very regularly. Minutes good. We recommend that a Charter be granted.

We, your Committee to whom were referred the facts as to the loss of Charter of

Pike Council, No. 8, respectfully recommend that a duplicate be granted to that Council. Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. SUMPTER,
F. S. BAKER,
B. M. COOK,
Committee.

RITUALS PRINTED AND PROMULGATED.

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

COMPANIONS—I have the honor to report that in accordance with the direction of this body at its last Annual Assembly, I caused the Ritual of the Degree of Super Excellent Master to be printed, and promulgated the same, in the same manner as was done with those of the Royal and Select Degrees; that is to say, to Super Excellent Masters, and to Councils electing to confer the degree, upon their executing pledges for the safe and secret preservation of the books.

The cost of printing one hundred and fifty of the Rituals, with the accompanying blanks for pledges, circulars and postage, was $53.25. The books were sold at one dollar each. I sold seventeen copies for that number of dollars, which has been paid to the printers, leaving a balance due them of $36.25.

I herewith file the pledges executed by the Companions to whom I sold the works. I have the remainder of the books in hand.

Respectfully submitted,

FAY HEMPSTEAD, *Past M. I. G. M.*

November 18, 1892.

CUSTODY OF THE RITUALS.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of the State of Arkansas:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address alluding to the custody of the Rituals, fraternally report that we have duly considered the subject, and recommend as follows:

1. That each Council in the State be required to buy three copies of each Ritual for the use of the Council, to be intrusted to the three principal officers, who shall be responsible for the same, and shall deliver them to their successors in office.

2. That one copy be loaned to the elective Grand Officers and the Grand Lecturer, to be surrendered at the close of their term of office.

3. That no other copies be disposed of except those provided for above.

4. That the price of the Council Ritual be fixed at $2, and the Super Excellent at $1, per copy. Fraternally submitted,

GEO. THORNBURGH,
A. B. GRACE,
JNO. J. SUMPTER,
JNO. T. HICKS,
J. M. PINNELL,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

M. Ill. Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Arkansas:

Your Committee on Memorials fraternally report, that we concur in and approve of the sentiments expressed in the address of the M. I. Grand Master, with reference to the death of our revered, honored, and beloved Past Illustrious Grand Master, George L. Kimball, and we move the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Grand Council of Arkansas express to his relations our sympathy and our assurance of fraternal love.

2. That we doubt not that he, the illustrious dead, whom we always found gentle, considerate, just and loving, heard the Master say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord;" and that after the resurrection he will hear the King say: "Come, ye beloved of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

3. That we will strive to imitate his virtues, and to so live that we may meet our beloved companion in that—the celestial—Grand Council where our Great High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master forever reigns.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. T. HICKS.
J. M. PINNELL,
J. R. DONNELL,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Companion George Thornburgh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ritual for the Super Excellent Degree be deposited in the archives of the Grand Council in charge of the Grand Recorder.

And that a warrant for $36, balance due for printing the same, be drawn on the treasury to pay the same.

Companion A. B. Grace offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be, and is hereby, directed to notify the Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder of each Subordinate Council in this jurisdiction, in arrears for returns or dues, or both, for more than one year, by separate notices, within thirty days hereof, of the fact that such Council is in arrears for returns or dues, or both, and that unless such returns shall be made, and dues paid to the Grand Recorder, within ninety days after the mailing of such notices, then he shall notify the M. I. G. M. of that fact, and it shall then be his duty to arrest the Charters of the Councils, if any, so in default.

CONFERRING DEGREES.

The Grand Council then proceeded to confer the degrees of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master, upon Companions J. M. Thompson and Warren Baldwin, of Occidental Council, No. 1, and the degree of Super Excellent Master upon Companions O. M. Clark and W. I. James, of Ward Council, No. 9; J. R. Donnell, of Central Council, No. 36, and F. S. Baker, of the Grand Council; the fees for which were paid to their respective Councils.

RECEIVED AND GREETED.

M.·. I.·. Companion Charles N. Rix, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Tennessee, was received and greeted by the Grand Council, upon which he offered the following:

Companions and Deputy Grand Master:

It is my pleasure, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Tennessee, to present to this Grand Council the fraternal greetings of our sister Grand Jurisdiction, upon the auspicious occasions of this Grand Assembly. May peace, harmony and brotherly love forever remain with each.

NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock, during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

CHAS. N. RIX,
M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

Attest:

J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

IN MEMORIAM.
DEDICATED TO
GEORGE LEONARD KIMBALL,
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST
OF THE
GRAND R. A. CHAPTER
OF ARKANSAS.
BORN AT
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
NOVEMBER 2, 1828,
DIED AT
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
AUGUST 29, 1892.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1892.

NAME OF COUNCIL.	No.	STATED MEETINGS.	Rece'd Exalted and Greeted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Susp'd for Non-Pay'nt of Dues.	Susp'd for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	No. of Members.	Dues for 1892.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Second Friday in each month	8		2						54	$ 21 50	$ 21 50
Adoniram	2	Third Saturday in each month				1					11	2 75	2 75
Osiris	5	Second Thursday in each month									37	9 25	9 25
Bentonville	6												
Pike	8	Friday before 4th Saturday in each month	8								30	15 50	15 50
Searcy	12	Second Monday in each month				1					21	5 25	5 25
Batesville	13	Last Saturday in each month		4							30	7 50	7 50
English	14												
Blakeney	19												
Augusta	22												
Hot Springs	23	Fourth Monday in each month	6			1					41	16 25	16 25
Marianna	25	Third Thursday in each month	2	1	1						39	11 75	11 75
Brilliant Star	27	First Monday in each month	9			1					38	18 50	18 50
Hindsville	28	Saturday after each full moon									12	3 00	
Harrisburg	29	Fourth Wednesday in each month	9			2					22	14 50	14 50
Walnut Ridge	30												
Sulphur Rock	31	Fourth Saturday in each month				1					29	7 25	7 25
Sam W. Williams	32	First Monday in each month	15								19	19 75	19 75
Central	33	Third Thursday in each month	5								18	9 50	9 50
			62	5	3	7					401		$159 25

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	‡Luke E. Barber	‡E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	R. L. Dodge	‡E. H. English.
*1861						
*1862						
*1863						
*1864						
1865	‡E. H. English	‡A. J. Ward	‡J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	R. L. Dodge	‡T. D. Merrick.
1866	‡E. H. English		‡John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	‡W. D. Blocher.
1867	‡Harris Flanagin	‡B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	R. L. Dodge	‡Louis George	‡W. D. Blocher.
1868	‡Harris Flanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	Fred Kramer	‡W. D. Blocher.
1869	‡E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	M. L. Bell	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1870	G. A. Dannelly	‡John W. Jordan	‡E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1871	‡E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. F. Powell	‡John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1872	‡E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1873	‡James T. Stinson	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1874	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	‡M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millerd	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1875	‡M. M. McGuire	‡E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Milner	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1876	C. W. Millerd	‡J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1877	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1878	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
†1879						
†1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Lancelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1883	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1884	James M. Harkey	Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1885	Logan H. Roots	‡Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1886	‡Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1887	‡Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1888	D. D. Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1889	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. Carl Lee	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1890	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. Carl Lee	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1891	Charles N. Rix	Ed. S. Carl Lee		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1892	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.

‡Dead.

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OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

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Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
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Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	Wm. T. Benedict	New Orleans.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland	C. C. Isaacs	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	Geo. H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	C. S. Hanks	Oleon.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina	Andrew J. Howell	Wilmington.
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	Wm. C. Crawford	Corvallis.
Ohio	Geo. D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. W. Humphries	Anderson.
Tennessee	Henry C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

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OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

GRAND COUNCIL.	NAME.	ADDRESS.
California	M. L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida	C. W. Millard	Magnolia.
Georgia	Wm. C. Langford	El Dorado.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indiana	James M. Harkey	Russellville.
Kansas	Ignatius Rottman	Augusta.
Kentucky	Geo. A. Dannelly	Searcy.
Louisiana	J. F. Mitchell	Bentonville.
Maine	Frederick Kramer	Little Rock.
Maryland	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts		
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Lancelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
New Hampshire	F. V. Whittlesey	Dardanelle.
New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York	Logan H. Roots	Little Rock.
Nebraska	Ed. S. Carl Lee	Augusta.
North Carolina	Samuel Peete	Batesville.
Ontario	George W. Clark	Little Rock.
Oregon		
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	W. H. H. Clayton	Fort Smith.
Rhode Island	Jasper M. Pinnell	Hope.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Tennessee	Charles N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

GRAND COUNCIL.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Sidney J. Sanford	Barrie, Ont.
Connecticut	J. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
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Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
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Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
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Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Ft. Wayne, Ind.

LIST OF COUNCILS

SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS

AND THEIR

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1892.

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SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS,

AND

THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1892.

Occidental Council, No. 1—Little Rock.

OFFICERS:

FAY HEMPSTEAD.....T. I. M.
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JOHN P. KARNES.....D. I. M.
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ARTHUR C. JONES.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Akin, M. E.
Adams, John D.
Arnold, Ed. J.
Baer, Ferd.
Bradfield, L. H.
Butler, E. J.
Basham, John P.
Burrus, H. H.
Clark, Geo. W.
Chapple, James
Dodge, R. L.
Dobbins, W. K.
Dinsdale, Richard
Darragh, T. J.
Fletcher, H. L.
Farrell, Jr., Wm.
Farrell, Omer P.
Ferguson, J. M.
Greenfield, W. L.
Gowdy, J. E.
Griffith, S. L.
Henry, J. A.
Heiseman, A. M.
Herren, H. J.
Jones, Thos. H.
Kantorowicz, Charles
Kothe, John.
Metcalf, Ed.
Nauck, C. C.
Pfeifer, Philip
Pinnell, J. M.
Powell, Eugene E.
Proudfoot, S. M.
Pollock, D. W.
Rymal, H. S.
Roots, Logan H.
Roots, P. K.
Rosenbaum, C. E.
Ramsey, E. A.
Rickon, F. J. H.
Scott, John
Skidmore, G. W.
Sundholm, Aug.
Thompson, W. J.
Thornburgh, George
Thompson, Chas. L.
Williams, Sam W.
Wolf, Isaac
Wall, E. B.
Ward, J. H.

Adoniram Council, No. 2—Camden, Ouachita County.

OFFICERS:

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Osiris Council, No. 5—Fort Smith, Sebastian County.

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Bentonville Council, No. 6—Bentonville, Benton County.

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Daniel, Z. L.
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Kelso, J. G.
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McIntyre, Geo. W.
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Searcy Council, No. 12—Searcy, White County.

OFFICERS:

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Milner, T. L.
McCauly, J. C.
Moyer, Theo.
McRae, D.
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Batesville Council, No. 13—Batesville, Independence County.

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Jacobs, M.
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Mayfield, J. G.
Maxfield, W. E.
McAdams, J. J. T.
McGuire, W. P.
McGuire, J. C.
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Ruddell, W. B.
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Smith, Jr., F. J.
Woods, T. J.

English Council, No. 14—Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

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Grace, A. B.
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Moore, Isaiah
Mills, D. J.
Moore, George B.
Montague, James
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O'Connell, John
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Rucks, J. T.
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Scull, Henry W.
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Blakeney Council, No. 19—Clarendon, Monroe County.

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Kerr, W. D.
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Mayo, W. M.
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Rottman, V.
Wilkerson, J. B.
Murphy, J. L.

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ED HOGABOOM.....P. C. of W.
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Collins, W. A.
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Dwyer, M.
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Fordyce, J. B.
Eveland, Charles O.
Garrett, Charles
Gregory, T. W.
Horner, J. S.
Jelks, J. T.
Jodd, M. H.
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Murphy, C. P.
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Whittington, Alf.
Wright, W. W.

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Cochraine, S. L.
Daggett, J. M.
Deener, R. S.
Dunham, J. P.
Eggleston, C. L.
Farrer, Sr., J. P.
Foreman, R. R.
Futral, T. A.
Griffith, R. D.
Govan, F. H.
Hutton, H. N.
Hayes, John W.
Hascal, Harry
Jarratt, John R.
Leary, J. E.
Lesser, Julius
McVeigh, H. R.
McCulloch, Jr., P. D.
McClintock, R. O.
Northern, P. E.
Ragland, E. D.
Robertson, James
Turley, Ellis.
Whitsitt, J. P.
Willey, S. M.
Wilson, C. A.
Wright, S. H.

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Kline, Henry.
Leming, Jr., E.
McCongo, A. H.
Ross, John A.
Shinn, N. D.
Simms, J. M.
Smith, W. J.
Smith, L. M.

Garrison, A. S.
Gibson, T. M.
Gee, W. H.
Harkey, J. M.
Heck, J. B.
Hicks, J. W.
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Madenwald, A.
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Thomson, C. P.
Turner, J. F.
Wyatt, T. M.
Welch, L. W.

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J. D. BEVERS.....Recorder.

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Harvis, S. J.
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Spradling, E.
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Williams, P. E.

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A. C. GRIFFIN.....Treasurer.
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Harris, B. F.
Harris, C. G.
Houser, A.
Kennedy, W. M.
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Pollitzer, Herman
Wyse, Thomas, H.
Warren, D. B.

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Douglass, J. H.
Hughes, W. A.
Hill, G. M.
Houser, C. H.
Israel, J. F.
Liddell, Robert
Maynard, J. J.
Montgomery, D. N.
McNiel, J. A.
Phelps, Z. C.
Reese, J. T.
Sheets, E. V.
Stephens, G. N.
Smith, G. W.
Taylor, F. G.
Taylor, F. E.
Tipton, S. C.
Tucker, F. W.
Thornburgh, Geo.
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OFFICERS:

J. H. KENNERLY.....T. I. M. J. N. CHURCHILL.....P. C. of W.
.....D. I. M. JAMES M. SANDERS.....Treasurer.
W. G. WILSON.....Recorder.

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Hunt, John
Kirkland, C. C.
Kelly, Louis
Leggett, J. F.
Lindsey, D. T.
Lambertson, R. J.
Mack, Y. M.
Moore, J. A.
Moore, J. E.
Moore, W. F.
Martin, F. M.
Prince, Wm.
Reed, D. W.
Williford, J. C.
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Williams, James
Ward. W. J.
Wilson, D. W.

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Cumming, J. R.
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Dempsey, W. E.
England, A. G.
Goodrum, Sr., J. C.
Loman, W. H.
McSwain, C. D.
Sibly, Geo.
Trimble, T. C.
Wheat, Sr., Pat. H.

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Kinchelo, J. F.
Lindsey, W. H.
Little, J. E.
Moore, M. E.
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COMP.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER, Hot Springs, Deputy Grand Master
COMP.·. PETER BRICKEY, Marianna, Grand Principal Conductor of Work
COMP.·. FRED KRAMER, Little Rock, Grand Treasurer
COMP.·. J. A. HENRY, Little Rock, Grand Recorder
COMP.·. A. B. GRACE, Pine Bluff, Grand Captain of Guards
COMP.·. R. J. LAUGHLIN, Bentonville, Grand Conductor of Council
COMP.·. J. M. PINNELL, Hope, Grand Chaplain
COMP.·. GEO. A. DANNELLY, Searcy, Grand Lecturer
COMP.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY, Dardanelle, Grand Marshal
COMP.·. J. H. KENNERLY, Sulphur Rock, Grand Steward
COMP.·. ED. METCALF, Little Rock, Grand Sentinel

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1893, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge, by the Illustrious Grand Master.

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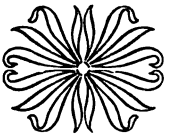

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The Thirty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of November, A. D. 1893, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

Comp.·. CHARLES N. RIX ..... M. P. Grand Master.
Comp.·. JNO. J. SUMPTER ..... as M. P. Deputy Grand Master.
Comp.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... as Grand P. C. of Work.
Comp.·. FREDERICK KRAMER ..... Grand Treasurer.
Comp.·. JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder.
Comp.·. A. B. GRACE ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
Comp.·. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN ..... Grand Conductor of Council.
Comp.·. JASPER N. PINNELL ..... Grand Chaplain.
Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Lecturer.
Comp.·. FRANCIS V. WHITTLESEY ..... Grand Marshal.
Comp.·. R. J. DONNELL ..... as Grand Steward.
Comp.·. EDMUND METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST OFFICERS:

Comp·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. C. W. MILLERD ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. GEORGE THORNBURGH ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. JAMES M. HARKEY ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. LOGAN H. ROOTS ..... Past Grand Master.
Comp.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... Past Grand Master.

And the Representatives of the following Subordinate Councils:

OCCIDENTAL	No. 1	FAY HEMPSTEAD, T. I. M.
ADONIRAM	No. 2	
OSIRIS	No. 5	
BENTONVILLE	No. 6	R. J. LAUGHLIN, T. I. M.
PIKE	No. 8	
SEARCY	No. 12	G. A. DANNELLY, T. I. M.
BATESVILLE	No. 13	J. C. BONE, proxy for T. I. M.
ENGLISH	No. 14	A. B. GRACE, T. I. M.; J. P. STANLEY, Dep. I. M.
AUGUSTA	No. 22	ALEX. W. JONES, Delegate.
HOT SPRINGS	No. 23	CHAS. N. RIX, T. I. M.
MARIANNA	No. 25	J. P. FARRAR, proxy for T. I. M.; J. M. DAGGETT, P. C. of W.
BRILLIANT	No. 27	E. LEMING, JR., P. C. of W.
HINDSVILLE	No. 28	C. F. KEENEY, T. I. M.
HARRISBURG	No. 29	W. W. KENNEDY, Delegate.
SULPHUR ROCK	No. 31	
SAM W. WILLIAMS	No. 32	T. M. HORSFALL, T. I. M.
CENTRAL	No. 36	G. D. DICKERSON, proxy for T. I. M. R. J. DONNELL, Dep. I. M.

Representatives of Sister Grand Councils.

Comp.·. CHAS. N. RIX ..... Grand Council of Tennessee.
Comp.·. J. A. HENRY ..... Grand Council of Connecticut.
Comp.·. JAMES M. HARKEY ..... Grand Council of Indiana.
Comp.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Council of Kentucky.
Comp.·. FRED. KRAMER ..... Grand Council of Maine.
Comp.·. JASPER M. PINNELL ..... Grand Council of Rhode Island.
Comp.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER ..... Grand Council of Wisconsin.
Comp.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... Grand Council of Maryland.
Comp.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY ..... Grand Council of New Hampshire.
Comp.·. GEO. THORNBURGH ..... Grand Council of Illinois.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master announced the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials and Returns.

F. V. WHITTLESEY. T. M. HORSFALL. E. LEMING, JR.

Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

JOHN J. SUMPTER. J. M. DAGGETT. J. C. BONE.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

G. A. DANNELLY. J. M. HARKEY. S. W. WILLIAMS.
GEO. THORNBURGH. FAY HEMPSTEAD.

Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

J. R. DONNELL. R. J. LAUGHLIN. F S. BAKER.

The reading of the record of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Chas. N. Rix, delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council of Arkansas:

We have wrought our regular hours, as the night succeeds the morn; as the sun's first rays gild the mountain top on each succeeding day; as in its ceaseless journey it carries its penetrating rays, from the mountain's apex down along the happy valleys of every-day life, to warm and enliven the atmosphere pervading the labor fields of our workmen, and to brighten those enduring chains of friendship, brotherly love and duty, that calls us together again in Annual Assembly; almost, as it would seem, ere the working tools ot life had again been resumed, together with its toilsome cares and intermittent joys, so soon after the fraternal good-bye and lingering farewell grasp of the hand incident to our last Annual Assmbly.

The mysterious alarm that sounds the knell of each succeeding year's demise is still controlled by the Great Master Workman of the Universe, who heeds not the drone, nor yields to any plaintive appeal for delay, but rigidly executes and exacts the fixed and unchangeable requirements of nature.

These evolutions to us go almost unheeded, so that it seems but as a day since with all the succeeding seasons; but as a day that I greeted you one year ago; but as a day since from this exalted station I bid you thrice welcome in Council Assembly to deliberate for the good of our Order.

For the second time I am permitted, and it is my pleasure, to receive and greet you as your Grand Master, and give you an earnest and sincere welcome to our beautiful sanctuary whose towering arches, courts and halls form the Temple of our Order in Arkansas; and I am proud to say that it stands, and will stand, a lasting monument of the combined handiwork of Ancient Craft Masonry, Royal

Arch and Cryptic Rite. Under the consecrated influences pervading our Temple, I bid you to lay aside the cares and responsibilities of business or profession, likes or dislikes, loyalty or prejudice, and enter into that mystic chain that assembles about our altar, and unite in sincere and fervent thanks at once more being permitted to resume our labors in the secret vault in true and unvarying companionship. But, Companions, let us not forget that some familiar faces greet us not; that some have disappeared to join those numberless hosts that once lived, but live no more. Our work is not finished, our transition is yet to be met, so we should not forget that the mile-stones numbering our age on life's highway are passing rapidly by, and should remind us that we are rapidly passing on the downward grade of life's fleeting journey, and that the end of earthly companionship is not far distant.

Little did we realize at the close of our last Annual Assembly that the then coming year would be fraught with events that have been of such vital importance to the welfare, prosperity, happiness and peace of mind of the whole of people of our great nation.

The foundation stones of our financial, political and manufacturing systems have been strained almost beyond the measure of endurance, without bursting the bond that cemented them as one common stone. Fears have been magnified, confidence lost, sympathy unheeded and hope dismayed in the minds of the thousands upon thousands that have been so seriously affected by the lamentable convulsion that has spread its rigor throughout our country. But now, amidst the sunshine of our November skies, the clouds are lifting, and the gleams of a prospective prosperous sunlight is dimly seen that will bring the warmth of confidence with its rays that will be felt with great appreciation. It is proper and quite just to say that amid all these discouraging and depressing influences our great and good Fraternity has not passed through the arches that span the great highway of our Masonic pilgrimage undisturbed, for whatever affects the general business or disturbs the normal conditions of our great country must necessarily affect its inhabitants. Let us here be reminded and remember in whom we put our trust, and gratefully offer our acknowledgments for his protecting care, and our guidance from the reefs of disaster and the engulfing waves of possible ruin. May its bitter results prove and inspire a salutary lesson that will manifest itself in acts of charity and usefulness to the widow and orphan, the helpless and the deserving. This reminds me, Companions, that the year has been fraught with other events, sad in their commission and mournful in their realization.

Though the sun's first rays may gild the mountain top, yet shall a day of darkness come in all our lives that shall shut out the sunshine of this life, and its sombre and floating clouds will penetrate the mists that veil that unknown life beyond the river.

Death, with its mystical and unknown tentacles, the respecter of none, has laid claim upon our dominion, and its tenacious grip has been for the time appeased, but great has been the sacrifice to the voracious angel.

It is well to remember that as we live, yet do we lose those we hold dearly as friend, neighbor, associate and brother; yet do we see them pass forever from our

earthly sight, entering upon that journey whose passage dissolves that veil which discloses eternity, and that last rest in the tranquil realms of eternal life and light.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD.

The select, the worthy, and the faithful have passed the post of the Great Captain of the Guard of the Universe without word or token.

"Out of a land very dreary,
Out of the world very weary,
Into the rapture of rest,"

Has passed the spirit of Illustrious Companion Logan H. Roots, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council, who died at his home in Little Rock, on the 30th day of May last, at the age of 53 years, and at that time the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of Arkansas.

He has paid the debt of nature. We mourn the loss of a true friend. Companion Roots was too well and too favorably known throughout our State, and among Masons, to need at my hands any eulogy that I might be capable of delivering. In Masonry he received distinguished honors, having presided over each of the Grand Bodies of this State.

It was not alone in the Masonic Fraternity that his worth was known, and his loss felt and mourned. The State of Arkansas has lost one of its very best friends, its most untiring workers, and its unceasing advocate. No where will his loss be felt more keenly, nor will his influence be more greatly missed, and his presence more sadly wanted, than in our great State. Ever alive to advance its material interests, and ever ready to engage in any enterprise that would promote the interests of his State and city, the State and city has indeed lost one of its foremost friends.

He was true to his friends, and charitable to his enemies, steadfast in his devotion, hospitable to a fault, liberal, progressive, and a man of many generous charities for the good of humanity. Companion Roots was honored in Masonry, was honored in public life, and was loved and respected for his true merits. It is a mournful duty, yet a consolation to me, that I am permitted to pay this slight tribute to his memory.

Right Illustrious Marcus L. Bell, Past Illustrious Master of this Grand Council in 1869, died at Pine Bluff, his home, on the 23d of September, 1893, and at the time of his death Thrice Illustrious Master of English Council, No. 14, of that place. Companion Bell was well and most favorable known throughout our State; a man of promise in his community, of marked ability in the legal profession, who had enjoyed many distinguished positions in the Masonic Fraternity, and held its esteem and respect.

Right Illustrious Roderick L. Dodge, the first Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council, in 1860, died at his home in Little Rock on the 31st day of March, 1893. Companion Dodge was Grand Treasurer from 1860 to 1867, when he was elected

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, served two terms, and was then again elected Grand Treasurer, and served there until 1877.

As a further tribute of esteem and respect to our departed Companions, I recommend that a memorial page be set apart to their memory in our printed Proceedings, with such other tribute as may be deemed proper by our Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

In expressing our fraternal and personal testimony to the memory of our Companions who have departed to return no more, we as well bow our heads in mournful recognition with our sister jurisdictions in the death of their cherished Companions.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

At our last Annual Assembly a resolution was adopted making it the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to arrest the Charters of all Councils delinquent more than one year in the payment of their dues, after a notice to that effect from the Grand Recorder. Under that resolution the Grand Recorder did his duty, and no payments being made, reported the Councils by name to me as follows:

Bentonville Council, No. 6.
Ward Council, No. 9.
Blakely Council, No. 19.
Augusta Council, No. 22.
Hindsville Council, No. 28.
Walnut Ridge Council, No. 30.
Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31.

Upon investigating, I found that the Constitution, by Section 14 of Article 1, provides for just what was the intent of said resolution, and that by operation of this provision of the Constitution the Charters of these several Council became suspended thereby. I did not take any steps to take charge of the jewels, furniture, Charter and effects of these several Councils, for the reason that I thought it much better to have the Grand Council to dispose of this part of my apparent duty, as, no doubt, there will be Companions in attendance that live near the domiciles of these Councils that can be authorized to take charge of and collect this property, and turn it into to the custody of the Grand Recorder, and thus save quite an expense that would have been incurred had I attempted to carry it out at that time.

The fact that the greater part of the past year has been one of great stringency in money and financial affairs, depression and stagnation in business, may seem in some degree a matter to be taken into consideration with respect to these particular Councils, and the effect the same may have had upon some of or perhaps all of their members.

Hot Springs Council, No. 23, it seems, lost its Charter some years ago, at the time of the burning of the Lodge room in that place; that an application was made, or supposed to have been made, to the Grand Council for a duplicate Charter; that the matter so rested, supposing they had received such duplicate Charter, until the present year, when it was asked for to hang in the Lodge room. Then it was found that no Charter had been received, as requested some years previously. I thereupon, on May 12th last, under a statement of the facts by the Recorder and several Companions, issued a Dispensation authorizing said Council to hold its

regular or called assemblies, and perform all its functions, as if in possession of a Charter, until the assembly of the Grand Council. I hope my action may be approved, and that a duplicate Charter will be issued to said Council.

No decisions have been requested of me outside of a reference to the constitutional provisions governing same, and none of a character that would require their report to you. It is just possible that the several decisions made during my first term of office covered such a multitude of points that the Companions have been trying to digest them in their leisure.

At the time of the death of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Logan H. Roots, and Illustrious Companions Bell and Dodge, I did not issue the usual notices of death in the several Subordinate Councils, for the reason that the treasury contained no funds for such uses in paying for printing, postage and stationery, feeling well assured that every Masonic Lodge in this State would have the usual notice, through the medium of the other Grand Bodies, of the sudden demise of our Illustrious Companions, with the usual request for the attending tokens of mourning to be observed, and believing that for such a seeming neglect of an official act no improper motive would be imputed to me for the course pursued, when reported and fully understood.

On the 21st day of August, 1893, I had the pleasure of visiting Hot Springs Council, No. 23, and assisted in conferring the degrees, with the full ceremonies, upon several Companions. I found the records well kept, financial condition good, and very much interest taken and expressed in the ceremonies pertaining to the degrees. With a pardonable pride, I hope, I will mention that I received the courteous consideration due to my station, and such others as is incident to the well-known reputation of the Masons of my city.

DISPENSATIONS.

On Janary 28th last, I granted a Dispensation to the Officers and Companions of English Council, No. 14, of Pine Bluff, to hold a Special Assembly on January 30th following for the purpose of electing and installing officers, requiring that due and timely notice should be given to all resident members of the time and purpose of said Special Assembly.

On May 17th last, I granted a Dispensation to Occidental Council, No. 1, of Little Rock, to call a Special Assembly for the purpose of referring the petitions of two Companions, and to ballot on the same, requiring that due and timely notice should be given to all resident members of the time and purpose of said Special Assembly.

I also issued a Dispensation to Hot Springs Council, No. 23, as herein reported under the head of Official Acts.

Good and sufficient reasons were given in these requests, as I thought, to warrant me in granting the same, and to justify a belief that it was for the best interests of the Rite.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On January 28th last, at the request of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Illinois to nominate a Grand Representative, I with pleasure named Past Most Illustrious Grand Master George Thornburgh as the Grand Representative of Illinois near this Grand Council, and while I have not been advised, I presume he has been officially notified of his appointment.

With the death of Illustrious Companion Roots the office of Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York became vacant. I have not recommended to that Grand Council the name of a successor, thinking it well to leave that duty for my successor to perform.

I note with pleasure that Illustrious Companion George D. McBride, Grand Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Ohio, is a worthy Representative, and one alive to the welfare, needs and requirements of the Cryptic Rite in his own, and as a Representative of this Grand Council.

CONDITION OF THE RITE.

The condition of the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction, so far as finances are concerned—ready money—I will say, is about, if not almost, bankrupt. Soon after our last Annual Assembly the question became a very serious one as to whether we should be able to have printed and sent out, as usual, our Proceedings. Our treasury is about empty, and no revenue to be expected, except what might possibly be sent in by delinquent Councils, who were to be spurred with sharp-pointed resolves and urgent appeals to pay their dues. We had to delay past the usual time for having them printed, and our Grand Recorder was about discouraged of being able to do anything, and appealed to me. The only consolation I could offer or give him was to go ahead, saying we must have the Proceedings printed, as usual, and we will find a way open some day to pay the expenses. He did go ahead, and had the work done expeditiously, but just how he paid the expenses I do not now know; but I will leave it for him to make his excuses for being so able a financier, as well as Grand Recorder.

I now present to you for serious and careful consideration the condition of our finances. We do not want so much, but we do want and must have revenues sufficient to meet our necessary expenses, and to maintain our position, dignity and respect among our sister Grand Jurisdictions—a position now second to but few, and the peer of any, in all other respects. If no better means can be suggested, then let us raise the per capita tax until such time as our membership shall increase sufficient to reduce it; also, by charging a fee for all Dispensations and for Grand Council Certificates.

The condition of the Rite in other respects, while not of an active, live, energetic working condition, except in a few localities, yet, withal, is fairly encouraging, and is especially so when taken in connection with and considering the extreme depression and almost paralyzing effects had upon the business, manufacturing and agricultural interests of the United States.

These conditions have caused lack of confidence, reserve, and disinclination to engage in anything requiring the outlay of money, so that I feel warranted in expressing the opinion that this alone has caused many Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction to postpone and forego for the time their desire to become of the Cryptic Rite.

I feel sure that when the sun's rays shall have gilded the mountain's top, before reaching the horizon of another Masonic year, we shall have renewed energy, interest in, and additions in membership to our beautiful Rite.

It is possible that I might have assisted, in some small degree, in causing a little more interest being taken, and a slight stimulus being engendered among the laborers that repair to the clay grounds, and also within the arches, had I pursued the course of my desire, and as I ordinarily would have done, by making as many visitations as possible to our Subordinate Councils. In my inability to do so I feel that I was quite justified in what, to me, seemed imperative at the time. You all know, and I trust not sorrowfully, that the financial and banking interests of the whole country during the year were regarded by the masses as being in a precarious, if not a failing condition—or, I may say, that part of the year in which it would have been my pleasure and most convenient and pleasant to visit these Councils—that in consequence thereof my position and interests in the banking business made it absolutely impossible for me to leave my post unguarded by my absence to make such visitations. While it is a condition of great regret and disappointment to me, and a record that I cannot look back to with the pleasure I could wish, yet, I am glad to say, it was not neglect or indifference that caused it, and must invoke your generous approbation.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I feel that I shall not have fully and faithfully discharged my duty to the Craft did I not again call your attention to certain points and conditions that, in my humble judgment, should have your careful consideration—I now mean consideration—and I trust the emphasis I use will be appreciated.

One—and an important condition—is that we should take ample time at our Annual Assemblies to consider well and deliberately, soundly and carefully all business presented; to construct committees, if necessary, to cover all matters of whatever kind presented, either by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or from other officers or sources; to prohibit the usual rushing, crowding and hurrying of both committee work, the usual questions presented, and their debates. Let us take time and have a system to dispose of every question, and thereby have our records full and complete with intelligent action.

As most important, in my judgment, I recommend that an edict be passed that shall require the reading and approval of the minutes of each Annual Assembly before closing. Specific reasons for this opinion will be given if desired.

I again recommend that a Uniform Code of By-Laws be adopted for the government of the Subordinate Councils, and that the Constitution and a Digest of the Edicts and Resolves be printed with the same when promulgated.

I again recommend that the use of a living person's name be prohibited in naming a Council.

I recommend that the Most Illustrious Grand Master be authorized to appoint the following additional standing committees:

A Committee on Subdivision and Reference, or some suitable name therefor, whose duty shall be to subdivide the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or other Grand Officer's report needing such action, and refer each subject to some proper committee, or make any needed recommendation for its proper consideration.

A Committee on Ways and Means, to consider the condition of the assets, funds and revenues of the Grand Council; to recommend means for the proper maintenance of and payment of the expenses of the Grand Council, who shall also examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and report on the same.

RITUAL.

The Special Committee on Rituals recommended the following, which was adopted at our last Annual Assembly:

That each Council in the State be required to buy three copies of each Ritual for the use of the Council, etc. I am informed by the Grand Recorder that only two Councils have complied with this requirement, viz.: Hot Springs, No. 23, and Occidental, No. 1, of Little Rock.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, I am fully assured, in my own mind, that the review of our affairs and the deliberations touching upon the necessities of the occasion of this Assembly will be careful, considerate, charitable, and, above all, harmonious, and that progressive, effective and prosperous results will follow and be made manifest ere we again meet in Annual Assembly.

I have now reached that period in official life in the Cryptic Rite where I am about to transfer this highest badge of office and authority to some worthy Companion.

Your partiality in honoring me so generously and greatly, your confidence and expressions of good-will, have all been greater than I could have reasonably expected, and I sincerely hope and trust that you each, one and all, appreciate that I shall ever hold your confidence, esteem and good-will to be the greatest of all honors one can have among his fellow-men.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. N. RIX,
M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

Companion J. M. Pinnell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the address of the M.·. I.·. Grand Master as refers to

our Illustrious dead be referred to the Committe on Memorials of the Dead.

That so much as refers to the Dispensations issued by him, and his recommendation with reference to the Charter of Hot Springs Council, No. 23, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to a Uniform Code of By-Laws, and, also, our present financial condition and whatever changes in our laws are necessary in that regard, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage.

That so much as refers to the Ritual be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

The M.·. I.·. Grand Master appointed the following Companions as the Special Committee on the above resolution:

Companions Geo. Thornburgh, J. M. Pinnell and J. M. Daggett.

The Grand Recorder made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

J. A. Henry, Grand Recorder,

In Acct. with Grand Council, R. & S. M.:

		Cr.
1892.		
Nov. 18.	By balance on hand	$ 61 75
1893.		
Feb. 16.	By Harrisburg Council, No. 29	14 50
Feb. 22.	By English Council, No. 14	20 50
Oct. 13.	By Brilliant Star Council, No. 27	9 25
	By Osiris Council, No. 5	8 50
	By Hot Springs Council, No. 23	16 25
	By Marianna Council, No. 25	9 25
	By Batesville Council, No. 13	7 00
	By English Council, No. 14	8 50
	By Sam W. Williams Council, No. 32	5 00
	By Adoniram Council, No. 2	2 75
	By 2 Super Ex. Rituals, $1.00	2 00
	By 3 R. and S. M. Rituals, $2.00	6 00
	By Occidental Council, No. 1	17 50
	By Pike Council, No. 8	7 25
	By Searcy Council, No. 19	4 75
	By Harrisburg Council, No. 29	5 50
	By Walnut Ridge Council, No. 30	7 00
	By Central Council, No. 33	4 50
	By Augusta Council, No. 22	4 75
		$222 50

1892.		Dr.
Nov. 24.	To Arkansas Democrat, printing Rituals	$ 36 25
	To envelopes	1 00
	To postage	4 65
	To printing Proceedings	77 65
	To Grand Secretary's salary	50 00
	To cash paid Grand Treasurer	52 95
		$222 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HENRY,

Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 24, 1893.

Frederick Kramer, Grand Treasurer,

In Acct. with Grand Council.

1891.		
Nov. 20.	Cash from High Priest Hempstead	$ 6 25
1893.		
Fov. 24.	Cash from Grand Secretary J. A. Henry	52 95
		$59 20

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK KRAMER,

Grand Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

We, your Committee on Credentials and Returns, beg leave to submit the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

Upon examination of credentials we find the following Companions entitled to seats and votes in this Grand Council:

GRAND OFFICERS.

C. N. RIX	I. G. M.	A. B. GRACE	G. C. of G.
JNO. J. SUMPTER	D. G. M.	R. J. LAUGHLIN	G. C. of C.
PETER BRICKEY	P. C. of W.	J. M. PINNELL	G. C.
FRED. KRAMER	G. T.	G. A. DANNELLY	G. L.
J. A. HENRY	G. R.	F. V. WHITTLESEY	G. M.

ED. METCALF, G. of S.

OCCIDENTAL No. 1 FAY HEMPSTEAD, T. I. M.

JOHN P. KARNES, Dep. I. M.

SEARCY No. 12 G. A. DANNELLY, T. I. M.

BATESVILLE	No. 13	JOHN C. BONE, proxy for T. I. M.
ENGLISH	No. 14	A. B. GRACE, T. I. M.
		J. P. STANLEY, Dep. I. M.
AUGUSTA	No. 22	ALEX. W. JONES, Delegate.
HOT SPRINGS	No. 23	C. N. RIX, T. I. M.
MARIANNA	No. 25	J. P. FARRAR, proxy for T. I. M.
		J. M. DAGGETT, H. of T.
BRILLIANT STAR	No. 27	E. LEMING, JR., P. C. of W.
HARRISBURG	No. 29	W. M. KENNEDY, Delegate.
SAM W. WILLIAMS	No. 32	T. M. HORSFALL, T. I. M.
CENTRAL	No. 33	G. D. DICKERSON, T. I. M.
		J. R. DONNELL, proxy for Dep. I. M.

There are nineteen Councils on the roll, eleven of which are represented by fifteen Representatives.

Eight Councils are unrepresented.

We find Bentonville Council, No. 6, has made no report, and paid no dues since 1891.

Blakeney Council, No. 19, has made no returns, and paid no dues since 1890.

Hindsville Council, No. 28, has made returns, but is in arrears for 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893.

Walnut Ridge Council, No. 30, has made no returns for 1892 and 1893, and paid no dues since 1890.

Fraternally submitted,

F. V. WHITTLESEY,
E. LEMING, JR.,
T. M. HORSFALL,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Arkansas:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, would respectfully beg leave to report that so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to Dispensations granted by him be approved.

That so much as refers to the loss of the Charter of Hot Springs Council, No. 23, at the time of the burning of the Lodge room, we recommend that a duplicate Charter be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN J. SUMPTER,
J. M. DAGGETT,
JOHN C. BONE,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

M. Ill. Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Arkansas:

Your committe to whom was referred that part of the Illustrious Grand Master's address touching our illustrious dead, to-wit, Past Illustrious Grand Master Logan H. Roots, Past Illustrious Grand Master Roderick L. Dodge, and Past Illustrious Marcus L. Bell, have had the same under consideration, and herewith submit our report.

First. We adopt and make a part of this report the very high tribute paid those distinguished men and Masons by Illustrious Grand Master Rix in his address to this Grand Council.

Second. We further find that extensive and appropriate reports were rendered by the Committee on Memorials of the M. W. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, giving full data showing Masonic service, etc., which reports we adopt and make a part of this report.

Third. We recommend that a memorial page be set apart in our printed Proceedings to each of the above deceasad Companions.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. R. DONNELL,
R. J. LAUGHLIN,
F. S. BAKER,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations would further report:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Arkansas:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, would further report that so much of acts of the Most Illustrious Grand Master as refers to the arrest of the Charter, jewels, etc., of the several Subordinate Councils named therein, be approved, and the matter of arresting Charters or reviving the Councils be referred to the Grand Lecturer, and by him carried into effect before the next annual meeting of the Grand Council.

J. J. SUMPTER,
JNO. C. BONE,
J. M. DAGGETT,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Special Committee on Finances made the following rereport, which was adopted:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the subject of the financial condition of this Grand Council, beg leave to report that we have given the matter careful

consideration, and find that its revenues at present are wholly insufficient to meet expenses when reduced to the most economical basis. There are reported 437 Companions of Subordinate Councils in good standing for the current year, and the per capita tax of 25 cents only produces the sum of $109.25. We are of opinion that this is entirely too low, as is also the fee of $1.00 for each Companion received and greeted in the Subordinate Councils. We would therefore respectfully recommend that Subdivisions 4 and 5 of Section 13, Article I, of the Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows:

For every Companion received and greeted during the year $2 00

Every Council shall pay for each member annually, except for Companions received and granted during the current year 50

We would further recommend that Article II of the Constitution be amended by adding the following sections:

Sec. 8. Subordinate Councils shall hold regular assemblies once in every month, on a day to be fixed in their By-Laws.

Sec. 9. Each Subordinate Council shall require its members to pay into its treasury annually a sum not less than 50 cents each as dues, to be determined by its By-Laws.

A. B. GRACE,
J. M. DAGGETT,
JNO. C. BONE,
Committee.

The Grand Council was then called to refreshment until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 P. M.

The Grand Council was called to labor, M.·. P.·. Grand Master Charles N. Rix, presiding.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Companions F. V. Whittlesey, John T. Hicks and F. S. Baker acted as tellers, with the following result:

M.·. I.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER ..... Grand Master
R.·. I.·. A. BROOKS GRACE ..... Deputy Grand Master
R.·. I.·. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN ..... Grand Principal Conductor
R.·. I.·. JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder
R.·. I.·. FREDERICK KRAMER ..... Grand Treasurer
R.·. I.·. J. M. PINNELL ..... Grand Chaplain

The Grand Master-elect made the following appointments:

R.·. I.·. ELIJAH LEMING, JR .....Grand Captain of the Guard
R.·. I.·. J. M. DAGGETT.....Grand Conductor of Council
R.·. I.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY.....Grand Marshal
R.·. I.·. E. B. WALL .....Grand Steward
I.·. EDMOND METCALF.....Grand Sentinel

The Grand Officers elected and appointed were installed by M.·. I.·. Past Grand Master Fay Hempstead.

RESOLUTIONS.

Companion R. J. Laughlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Bentonville Council, No. 6, be granted a Charter (there being no record of the original one) upon the payment of dues.

The following resolutions were offered by Companion John J. Sumpter, which were adopted:

Resolved, That Dannelly Council, No. 21, be granted a Charter, provided they pay $25 within three months from date.

Resolved, That $5.00 be appropriated to pay the Grand Sentinel for services during this Assembly.

NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock, during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

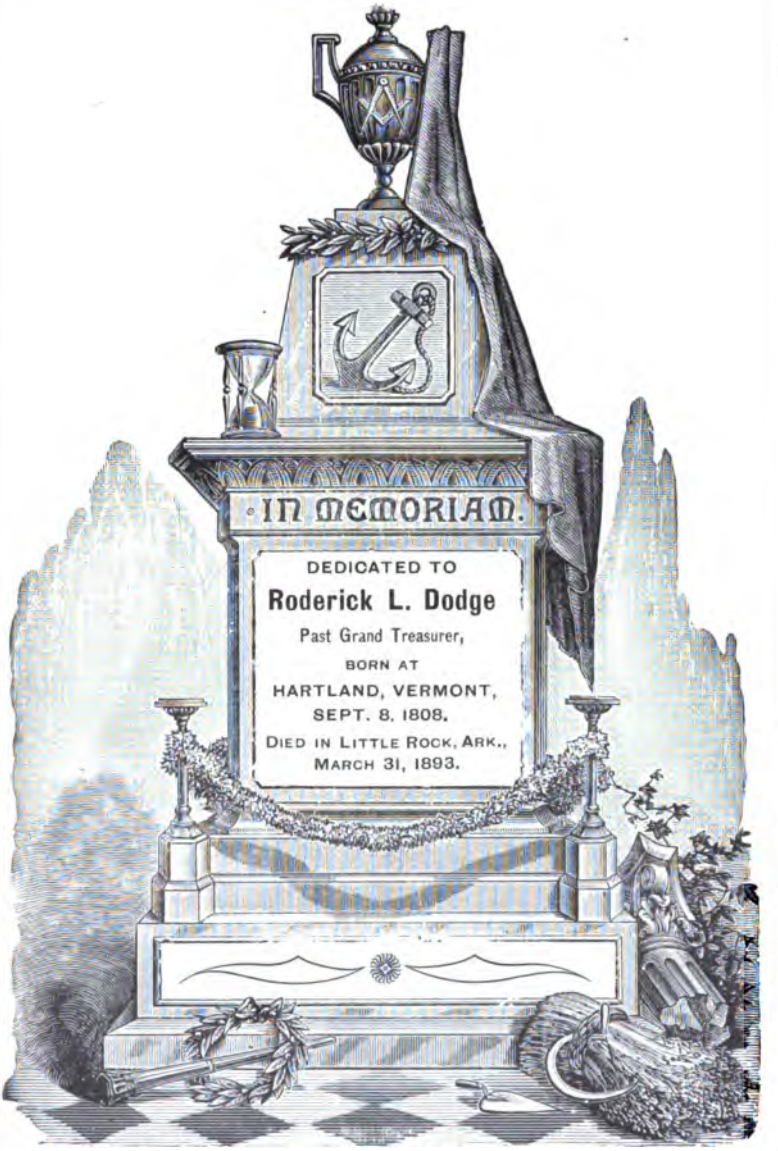
There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

JNO. J. SUMPTER,
M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

Attest:

J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.


IN MEMORIAM.
DEDICATED TO
Roderick L. Dodge
Past Grand Treasurer,
BORN AT
HARTLAND, VERMONT,
SEPT. 8, 1808.
DIED IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK.,
MARCH 31, 1893.

IN MEMORIAM.
DEDICATED TO
Logan Holt Roots
Past M. P. Grand Master
BORN IN PERRY COUNTY, ILL.,
MARCH 26, 1841.
DIED IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK.,
MAY 30, 1893.

IN MEMORIAM.
DEDICATED TO
MARCUS L. BELL
Past Grand Illustrious Master,
BORN IN WILSON CO., TENN.,
JULY 27, 1829.
DIED IN PINE BLUFF, ARK.,
SEPT. 23, 1893.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1893.

Name of Council.	No.	Stated Meetings.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Susp'd for Non-paym't of Dues.	Susp'd for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Number of Members.	Dues for 1893.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Second Friday in each month	6	1	5	3	6				46	$17 50	$17 50
Adoniram	2	Fifth Saturday nights									11	2 75	2 75
Osiris	5	Second Thursday of each month				2					34	8 50	8 50
Bentonville	6	No returns since 1891											
Pike	8	Friday before fourth Saturday in each month				1					29	7 25	7 25
Searcy	12	Second Monday in each month					2				19	4 75	4 75
Batesville	13	Last Saturday in each month					1				28	7 00	7 00
English	14	Third Monday in each month				1					34	8 50	8 50
Augusta	22	Fourth Monday in each month									17	4 25	4 25
Hot Springs	23	Third Monday in each month	5			2					45	16 25	16 25
Marianna	25	Third Thursday in each month				2					37	9 25	9 25
Brilliant Star	27	First Monday in each month									37	9 25	9 25
Hindsville	28	Saturday after each full moon									12	3 00	
Harrisburg	29	Fourth Wednesday in each month									22	5 50	5 50
Walnut Ridge	30	No returns since 1891											
Sulphur Rock	31	Fourth Saturday in each month				1					28	7 00	7 00
Sam W. Williams	32	First Monday in each month									20	5 00	5 00
Central	33	Third Thursday in each month				1					18	4 50	4 50
			11	1	5	13	9				437	$120 25	$117 25

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	‡Luke E. Barber	‡E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	‡R. L. Dodge	‡E. H. English.
*1861						
*1862						
*1863						
*1864						
1865	‡E. H. English	‡A. J. Ward	‡J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	‡R L. Dodge	‡T. D. Merrick.
1866	‡E. H. English		‡John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	‡R L. Dodge	‡W. D. Blocher.
1867	‡Harris Flanagin	‡B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	‡R. L. Dodge	‡Louis George	‡W. D. Blocher.
1868	‡Harris Flanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	‡R. L. Dodge	Fred Kramer	‡W. D. Blocher.
1869	‡E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	‡M. L. Bell	‡J. W. Jordan	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1870	G. A. Dannelly	‡John W. Jordan	‡E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1871	‡E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. F. Powell	‡John W. Jordan	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1872	‡E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1873	‡James T. Stinson	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1874	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	‡M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millerd	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1875	‡M. M. Maguire	‡E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Millner	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1876	C. W. Millerd	‡J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	‡J. W. Jordan	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1877	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1878	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
†1879						
†1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Lancelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	Geo. Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1883	Geo. Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	‡Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1884	James M. Harkey	‡Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1885	‡Logan H. Roots	‡Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1886	‡Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1887	‡Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1888	D. D. Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1889	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. CarlLee	‡G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1890	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. CarlLee	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1891	Charles N. Rix	Ed. S. CarlLee		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1892	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1893	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.

‡Dead.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

GRAND COUNCIL.	NAME.	ADDRESS.
California	William Frank Pearce	Oakland.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
England and Wales	Rt.Hon. Henry James, Earl of Euston	8 Red Lion Square, London.
Florida		
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illinois	George M. Gross	Chicago.
Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	Wm. T. Benedict	New Orleans.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland	C. C. Isaacs	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	Geo. H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	C. S. Hanks	Oleon.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina	Andrew J. Howell	Wilmington.
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	Wm. C. Crawford	Corvallis.
Ohio	Geo. D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. W. Humphries	Anderson.
Tennessee	Henry C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

GRAND COUNCIL.	NAME.	ADDRESS.
California		
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida	C. W. Millerd	Magnolia.
Georgia	Wm. C. Langford	El Dorado.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indiana	James M. Harkey	Russellville.
Kansas	Ignatius Rottman	Augusta.
Kentucky	George A. Dannelly	Searcy.
Louisiana	J. F. Mitchell	Bentonville.
Maine	Frederick Kramer	Little Rock.
Maryland	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts		
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Lancelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
New Hampshire	F. V. Whittlesey	Little Rock.
New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York		
Nebraska	Ed. S. CarlLee	Augusta.
North Carolina	Samuel Peete	Batesville.
Ontario	George W. Clark	Little Rock.
Oregon		
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	W. H. H. Clayton	Fort Smith.
Rhode Island	Jasper M. Pinnell	DeWitt.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Tennessee	Charles N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

GRAND COUNCIL.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Sidney J. Stanford	Barrie, Ont.
Connecticut	J. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
England and Wales	C. F. Mattier, 3 and 4 Lincoln's Inn Fields	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia		
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	George C. Kenyon	Leavenworth.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seranus Bowen, 28 School street	Boston.
Michigan	Gara B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	George Van Vliet, 6th Ave. and 23d street	New York.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina		
Oregon	F. J. Babcock	Salem.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Joshua L. Lytle	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	William R. Green	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendening	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Ft. Wayne, Ind.

LIST OF COUNCILS

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GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS,

AND

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AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1893.

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Goodrich, R. L.
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Pollock, D. W.
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Rickon, F. J. H.
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Thompson, J. M.
Thompson, Charles L.
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Jacobs, M. S.
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Kelso, J. M.
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Batesville Council, No. 13—Batesville, Independence County.

OFFICERS:

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English Council, No. 14—Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

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Comp.·. F. V. Whittlesey, Little Rock.. .... Grand Marshal

Comp.·. E. B. Wall, Fayetteville .... Grand Steward

Comp.·. Edmund Metcalf, Little Rock .. .. Grand Sentinel

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The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1894, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge, by the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

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OF ARKANSAS

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FOR THE

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OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF ARKANSAS.

A. D. 1894, A. DEP. 2894.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday, the twenty-third day of November, A. D. 1894, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain:

PRESENT:

JOHN J. SUMPTER.....M. I. Grand Master
ANTONIO B. GRACE.....Deputy Grand Master
REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN.....Grand P. C. of Work
FREDERICK KRAMER.....Grand Treasurer
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PAST OFFICERS:

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SAM W. WILLIAMS.....Past M. I. Grand Master
GEORGE THORNBURGH.....Past M. I. Grand Master
JAMES M. HARKEY.....Past M. I. Grand Master
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CHARLES N. RIX.....Past M. I. Grand Master

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Comp.·. JAS. H. VAN HOOSE.....Grand Council of New Jersey.
Comp.·. ANTONIO B. GRACE ....Grand Council of Oregon.

We find there are fifteen Councils on the roll, thirteen of which have made returns and eleven have paid dues.

We also find that Blakeney Council, No. 19, has made no returns nor paid dues since 1889.

Hindsville Council, No. 28, has made returns but paid no dues since 1889.

Walnut Ridge, No. 30, paid no dues since 1890.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Lecturer be directed to arrest the Charters of Blakeney, No. 19; Hindsville, No. 28, and Walnut Ridge, No. 30.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. HORSFALL,
GEO. P. TAYLOR,
J. R. DONNELL,
Committee.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master announced the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials and Returns.

T. M. HORSFALL. J. R. DONNELL. GEORE P. TAYLOR.

Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

J. M. HARKEY. J. M. PINNELL. T. L. MILNER.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

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Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

FAY HEMPSTEAD. JOHN P. KARNES. R. J. LAUGHLIN.

Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's Books.

F. A. MABERRY. J. P. FANCHER. ANTONIO B. GRACE.

The reading of the records of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, as they had been printed and distributed.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, John J. Sumpter, delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Assembled once more in this secret vault, we witness the end of another Masonic year. Its passage has not been fraught with any evil tidings to this Grand Jurisdiction, and it is with a heart filled with gratitude that I greet you; and as our labors should be dedicated to the Most Merciful Creator of all things, it was meet and proper, before entering upon the active business of this assembly, that we offered our devotion to Him and asked His guidance and blessing to rest upon us in our proceedings and be with us in the new year upon which we are about to enter.

A review of the past year shows many changes wrought by the all-devouring scythe of time, but I see no visible sign of the Supreme

Archer's displeasure having been visited upon the Craft. The Companions throughout this Grand Jurisdiction are at peace with each other and with all mankind; no grievances, no appeals, but peace and good-will reigns supreme; and so far as I am informed our sister Grand Jurisdictions are enjoying the same good fortune.

I regret that circumstances prevented me making any official visits this year. I have not been called upon to make any decisions. No questions respecting Masonic law or usage have been submitted to me. In truth my duties have not been laborious or exacting.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon satisfactory recommendation, I appointed and caused commissions to be issued to the following Illustrious Companions to represent our Grand Council near their respective Grand Councils:

Kansas—Theopholus P. Rogers, February 1, 1894.

South Carolina—A. S. Thomas, June 1, 1894.

Ohio—George D. McBride, September 11, 1894.

I recommended the appointment of the following Illustrious Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction to represent the following Grand Councils:

Kansas—Charles N. Rix, February 11, 1894.

Oregon—Antonio B. Grace, June 14, 1894.

Ohio—W. W. Garland, September 12, 1894.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

It was with pleasure that I looked forward to the meeting of the General Grand Council at Topeka, Kansas, but its postponement and subsequent date of meeting happened at such a time that I could not go, and I appointed as my proxy our well-beloved Companion, P. G. M. Charles N. Rix, to represent this Grand Council, and herewith submit his report and ask that it be made a part hereof.

John J. Sumpter, Esq., M. I. Grand Master Grand Council of Arkansas:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION—Having been honored with your proxy to represent the Grand Council of Arkansas at the triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America held at Topeka, Kansas, in August last, it seems proper that I should briefly report upon the same.

It affords me great pleasure to say that your representative was cordially received and greeted and was the recipient of distinguished favors at the hands of the officers of the General Grand Council and that the Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas was pleasantly and generously recognized by its representative being placed upon some of the most important branches of its transactions.

Many distinguished Masons were present and throughout its entire session the most perfect good will, cheerfulness and harmony prevailed. Some branches of its proceedings were of new and great interest to the Cryptic Craft of which your attention will be called by General Grand Recorder Mordhurst in due time for the attention of the Craft in our Grand Jurisdiction at its annual assembly.

Fraternally and sincerely,

CHAS. N. RIX.

A circular letter was received by me under date, New York, October 10, 1894, from John W. Coburn, M.·. P.·. General Grand Master of G. G. C., calling my attention to the following resolution adopted by the Grand Council of Minnesota, on October 12, 1891:

"*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial on behalf of this Grand Council, which memorial is to be presented with others, in a sealed case, to the General Grand Council at its next Triennial Assembly, to be opened at the Centennial Anniversary of the General Grand Council, for the purpose of presenting to the Craft a record of the early history of Cryptic Masonry."

In accordance with this resolution, Companion George W. Cooley, Past General Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Council of Minnesota, presented to the General Grand Council at the Fifth Triennial Assembly, held at Topeka, Kansas, an iron chest with bronze tablet appropriately inscribed. The General Grand Council accepted the trust, and it will be deposited in the vaults of the Grand Council of New York, and the chest will be kept open until December 31, 1894, for the deposit of memorials by the several Grand Councils and individual Companions.

In order that this Grand Council may be able to deposit an appropriate memorial, I recommend the appointment of a committee to prepare a suitable history of the formation and workings of this Grand Council, and that the same be forwarded to New York as soon as possible. And that individual members of this Grand Jurisdiction be requested to send such memorials as they deem appropriate.

And now, Companions, trusting that our present meeting may result in much good for Cryptic Masonry, and that we may return home with the consciousness of duty well done, I tender you my sincere thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me, and return to you the emblem of authority with which I have been entrusted, I trust without spot or blemish.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN J. SUMPTER,

M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

Companion R. J. Laughlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

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The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Companions to carry out the above resolution, viz: Companions Fay Hempstead, Charles N. Rix, and Jas. A. Henry.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Master and Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Arkansas:

As Grand Representative of the Grand Councils of Tennessee and Kansas, it is with pleasure that I present, on behalf of said Grand Councils, their sincere and fraternal good-will and greetings, with the earnest hope that the same shall continue for all time.

Fraternally and sincerely,

CHARLES N. RIX.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND TREASURER'S AND RECORDER'S BOOKS.

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

Your Committee on Grand Treasurer's and Recorder's Books beg leave to report:

The Grand Recorder's books show that he has received from all sources	$212 00
For which he holds the Grand Treasurer's receipt.	
The Grand Treasurer had on hand November 24, 1893	59 20
Received from Grand Recorder	212 00
	$271 20
Paid out on warrants from one to six	161 50
Leaving balance on hand	$109 70

Fraternally submitted,

A. F. MABERRY,
A. B. GRACE,
JOHN P. FARRAR,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Arkansas:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, having had no business referred to us, ask to be discharged.

J. M. PINNELL.
J. M. HARKEY.
T. L. MILNER.

The Grand Council was then called to refreshment until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 P. M.

The Grand Council was called to labor, M.·. I.·. Grand Master, Jno. J. Sumpter, presiding.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Companions A. F. Maberry and T. M. Horsfall acting as tellers, with the following result:

M.·. I.·. ANTONIO B. GRACE.....Grand Master
R.·. I.·. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN.....Deputy Grand Master
R.·. I.·. JASPER M. PINNELL.Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
R.·. I.·. FEDERICK KRAMER .....Grand Treasurer
R.·. I.·. JAMES A. HENRY.....Grand Recorder
R.·. I.·. GEORGE THORNBURGH.....Grand Chaplain
R.·. I.·. J. P. FARRAR.....Grand Captain of the Guard
R.·. I.·. T. M. HORSFALL.....Grand Conductor of the Council
R.·. I.·. A. F. MABERRY..... .....Grand Marshal
I.·. J. R. DONNELL.....Grand Steward
I.·. ED. METCALF.....Grand Sentinel

The officers elect were installed in their respective stations by M. I. Past Grand Master Geo. A. Dannelly.

Companion J. M. Pinnell offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the Annual Assembly in 1889, restricting the conferring of the Council Degrees in this Grand

Council unless the candidate had been previously elected and tendered by a Subordinate Council, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That hereafter this Grand Council may in the exercise of its inherent power confer the Degrees on such Companions as may be found to possess the requisite qualifications and elected by a unanimous vote of this Grand Council, *provided*, there be no live Council in the county where the candidate resides.

Petitions were received from Companions J. P. Fancher and G. J. Klock, of Carroll county, and J. B. Baker, of Izard county, for the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

A ballot was had upon their petitions separately, and they were declared elected.

They were then introduced, received and greeted as Royal and Select Masters, and invested with the attributes of the degree of Super Excellent Master.

The following resolution was offered by Companion John J. Sumpter, which was adopted:

Resolved, That $5 be appropriated to pay the Grand Sentinel for services during this Assembly.

NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock, during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

ANTONIO B. GRACE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

J. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

TO THE MEMORY OF OUR COMPANIONS WHO ARE AT REST.

NAMES.	COUNCIL.	NO.	LOCATION.
J. T. Darby	Adoniram	2	Camden.
W. F. Blackmore	Osiris	5	Fort Smith.
J. M. Hobbs	Bentonville	6	Bentonville.
J. F. Mitchell	Bentonville	6	Bentonville.
T. W. Vining	English	14	Pine Bluff.
*D. B. Warren	Harrisburg	29	Harrisburg.
J. J. Waldrip	Sulphur	31	Sulphur Rock.
*C. P. Thomson	Brilliant Star	27	Dardanelle.
W. M. Smith	Central	36	Conway.
G. H. Dukerson	Central	36	Conway.

"Their Labors at the Secret Vault are Ended."

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1894.

Names of Councils.	Number.	Stated Meetings.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Susp'd for Non-pay'm't of Dues.	Susp'd for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Number of Members.	Dues for 1894.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Second Friday in each month	2		1					2	47	$26 50	$26 50
Adoniram	2	Fifth Saturday in each month				1					10	5 00	5 00
Osiris	5	Second Thursday in each month									33	16 50	16 50
Bentonville	6	Friday after full moon									13	6 50	6 50
Searcy	12	Second Monday in each month									10	5 00	5 00
Batesville	13												
English	14	Third Thursday in each month	5	1	2	1					37	26 00	26 00
Augusta	22	Fourth Monday in each month									17	8 50	8 50
Hot Springs	23	Third Monday in each month	3								46	29 00	30 50
Marianna	25	Third Thursday in each month	4								40	26 00	26 00
Brilliant Star	27	First Monday in each month	3	2	1	2					39	24 00	24 00
Harrisburg	29	Fourth Tuesday in each month				1					21	10 50	2 00
Sulphur Rock	31	Fourth Saturday in each month				1					27	13 50	
Sam W. Williams	32	First Monday in each month			4		3				16	8 00	8 00
Central	33	Third Thursday night in each month				2					17	8 50	8 50
			17	3	8	8	3			2	373		$193 00

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	‡Luke E. Barber	‡E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	‡R. L. Dodge	‡E. H. English
1861						
1862						
1863						
1864						
1865	‡E. H. English	‡A. J. Ward	‡J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	‡R. L. Dodge	‡T. D. Merrick
1866	E. H. English		‡John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	‡W. D. Blocher.
1867	‡Harris Flanagin	‡B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	‡R. L. Dodge	‡Louis George	W. D. Blocher.
1868	Harris Flanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	Fred Kramer	W. D. Blocher.
1869	‡E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	‡M. L. Bell	‡J. W. Jordan	‡R. L. Dodge	‡L. E. Barber.
1870	G. A. Dannelly	‡John W. Jordan	‡E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1871	‡E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. F. Powell	‡John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1872	E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1873	‡James T. Stinson	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1874	‡G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	‡M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millerd	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1875	‡M. M. Maguire	‡E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Millner	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1876	C. W. Millerd	‡J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	‡J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1877	‡J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	‡G. H. Meade	L. E. Barber.
1878	J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	G. H. Meade	L. E. Barber.
1879						
1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Lancelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	‡G. H. Meade	‡L. E. Barber.
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	Geo. Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1883	Geo. Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	‡Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1884	James M. Harkey	‡Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1885	‡Logan H. Roots	‡Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1886	‡Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1887	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A Henry.
1888	D. D. Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1889	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. CarlLee	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1890	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed. S. CarlLee	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1891	Charles N. Rix	Ed. S. CarlLee		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1892	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1893	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1894	John J. Sumpter	Antonio B. Grace		R. J. Laughlin	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.

‡Dead.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

GRAND COUNCIL.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Sidney J. Stanford	Barrie, Ont.
Connecticut	James McCormick, 150 State St	Hartford.
England and Wales	C. F. Mattier, 3 and 4 Lincoln's Inn Fields	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	A. M. Callahan	Osborne.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	S. B. Spencer	Springfield.
Michigan	Gara B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis,
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	L. L Green	Passaic.
New York	George Van Vliet, 6th Ave. and 23d St	New York.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina	Horace H. Morrison	Wilmington.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Oregon	Seth Pope	Portland.
Ohio	Wm. E. Evans	Chillicothe.
Pennsylvania	Joshua L. Lytle	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	William R. Green	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	H. C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Springfield.
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Minnesota	Lancelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
Mississippi		
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New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York		
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California	William Frank Pearce	Oakland.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
England and Wales	Rt. Hon. Henry James, Earl of [Euston	8 Red Lion Square, [London.
Florida		
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illinois	George M. Gross	Chicago.
Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	Wm. T. Benedict	New Orleans.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland	C. C. Isaacs	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	Geo. H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	C. S. Hanks	Oleon.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina	A. S. Thomas	Charlotte.
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	Wm. C. Crawford	Corvallis.
Ohio	Geo. D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
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Tennessee	Henry C. Hansley	Nashville
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

LIST OF COUNCILS

SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS,

AND

THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1894.

Occidental Council, No. 1—Little Rock.

OFFICERS:

FAY HEMPSTEAD.... .....T. I. M.
S. M. PROUDFOOT.....P. C. of W.
JOHN P. KARNES .....D. I. M.
JAMES CHAPPLE .....Treasurer.
ARTHUR C. JONES.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Amis, W S
Akin, M E
Arnold, Ed J
Baldwin, Warren
Butler, E. J.
Burrus, H H
Brodie, John
Cambis, E
Clark, George W
Dillon, O S
Fletcher, H L
Farrell, Wm, jr
Fletcher, John G
Goodrich, R L
Greenfield, W L
Gowdy, J E
Grotian, C H A
Henry, J A
Heiseman, A M
Herren, H J
Hollenberg, F B T
Jones, Thomas H
Kantorowicz, Chas
Kothe, John
Kramer, Fred
Lester, R A
Metcalf, Ed
Nauck, C C
Patterson, E C
Powell, Eugene E
Pollock, D W
Roots, P K
Ramsey, E A
Scott, John
Skidmore, G W
Sundholm, Aug
Thompson, W J
Thompson, J M
Thompson, Charles L
Thornburgh, George
Williams, Sam W
Wolf, Isaac

Number of members, 47.

Adoniram Council, No. 2—Camden, Ouachita County.

OFFICERS:

C. H. STONE.....T. I. M.
W. K. RAMSEY..... .....P. C. of W.
——————..... .....D. I. M.
J. A. PROCTOR.....Treasurer.
A. A. TUFTS..... .....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Felsenthal, D	Myar, H W	Sale, R F
Millen, H A	Newton, D	Whitfield, W E

Number of members, 11.

Osiris Council, No. 5—Fort Smith, Sebastian County.

OFFICERS:

W. H. H. CLAYTON ....T. I. M. E. E. BRYANT.....P. C. of W.
W. M. MELLETTE..... .....D. I. M. STEPHEN WHEELER.....Treasurer.
JAMES H. HAMILTON.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Atkinson, B F	Hays, H J	Park, Frank
Ayers, C C	Hammit, R W	Perry, W W
Barnes, C M	Hall, Charles	Reutzel, Henry
Baer, Simon	Hendry, J R A	Schultz, G W
Baer, Herman	Klein, F J	Sample, W A
Bocquin, C F	Lyman, George H	Vernon, Thomas
Bailey, W W	Mitchell, E E	Vaile, John
Beavers, W M	Miller, Louis	Williams, John F
Clark, G C	McKenna, Ed	Young, D J
Hill, J M		

Number of members, 33.

Bentonville Council, No. 6—Bentonville, Benton County.

OFFICERS:

R. J. LAUGHLIN.....T. I. M. J. P. BURNS .....P. C. of W.
R. M. CORLEY.....D. I. M. S. F. STAHL.....Treasurer.
C. W. CLAPP..... ....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Bates, J L	Chastain, J T	Patton, W F
Beach, B S	Corley, R N	Talliaferro, C D
Blake, T T	Kimmons, B F	Wekerlin, H J

Number of members, 14.

Pike Council, No. 8—Magnolia, Columbia County.

OFFICERS:

H. C. SMITH.....T. I. M. J. C. PARISH..... ... P. C. of W.
J. H. WEAVER..... .....D. I. M. J. P. MARTIN. .....Treasurer.
J. L. MARTIN. .....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Askew, B F	Decker, ——	Kelso, J M
Broh, Max	Davis, V M	Kelso, J G
Dixon, Dave	Elmore, E	Lawson, W P
Dixon, A T	Friberg, E	McIntyre, George W
Dickson, W E	Hazeltine, W C	Roberts, J P
Davis, E H	Holland, W C	Smith, J E
Draughan, Geo W	Jacobs, M S	Walker, R P
Dow, C C	Jordan, J A	Walker, W H R
Daniel, Z L		

Number of members, 30.

Searcy Council, No. 12—Searcy, White County.

OFFICERS:

G. A. DANNELLY.....T. I. M. C. S. GEORGE.....P. C. of W.
JOHN T. HICKS.....D. I. M. WEBB CONNER.....Treasurer.
BEN ISBELL.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Armstrong, John W	Cypert, Eugene	Moyer, Theo
Bradley, J W	Holland, J G	McRae, D
Canfield, L G		

Number of members, 12.

Batesville Council, No. 13—Batesville, Independence County.

OFFICERS:

D. C. EWING.....T. I. M. G. W. O'BRIEN.....P. C. of W
SIG. BACHARACH.....D. I. M. J. M. COOK.....Treasurer.
JOHN C. BONE.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Carter, R M	Jacobs, M	McGuire, J C
Case, J W	Joblin, A H	Neill, Robert
Cannon, John	Jones, J P	Peete, Samuel
Desha, R M	Maxfield, H N	Ruddell, W B
Dickenson, Ed M	Maxfield, W E	Smith, F J, sr
Grover, J L W	Mayfield, J G	Smith, F J, jr
Handford, S L	McAdams, J J T	Woods, T J
Holmes, J A	McGuire, W P	

Number of members, 28.

English Council, No. 14—Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

OFFICERS:

A. B. GRACE.....T. I. M. E. J. MOORE.....P. C. of W.
J. P. STANLEY.....D. I. M. A. BLUM.....Treasurer.
JOHN T. MARSH.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Boyd, Newton	Gomell, A C	Stephens, C F
Barnett, W H	Hanson, H	Simmons, J F
Browning, W H	Head, F H	Spring, John V
Beardsley, A E	Kenna, F W	St John, T J
Glegg, John L	Mills, D I	Sorrells, T F
Cady, H G	Moore, George B	Trimble, D S
Cook, N L	Newman, C G	Vernon, W J D
Case, M L	O'Connell, John	Weil, Charles
Fritz, J L B	Purdon, W C	West, W F
Finney, A L	Pennal, W K	Wilson, T J
Geisreiter, S	Rucks, J T	

Number of members, 37.

Augusta Council, No. 22—Augusta, Woodruff County.

OFFICERS:

ED. S. CARLLEE.....T. I. M. IGNATIUS ROTTMAN.....P. C. of W.
S. E. DENT.....D. I. M. J. M. TAYLOR.....Treasurer.
J. P. HOUSE.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Andrews, W V	Ewing, R G	Patient, W J
Dale, F D	Ferguson, W E	Rottman, V
Dent, J B	Jones, Alex W	Wilkerson, J B
Ferguson, J P	Leach, D D	Murphy, J L

Number of members, 17.

Hot Springs Council, No. 23—Hot Springs, Garland County.

OFFICERS:

C. N. RIX.....T. I. M. A. S. SITHEN.....P. C. of W.
J. B. FORDYCE.....D. I. M. W. J. LITTLE.....Treasurer.
W. H. C. BROADDUS.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Alford, J W	Gregory, T W	Smith, J S
Blumensteil, A	Horner, J S	Smith, R M
Bentz, P S	Hogaboom, Ed	Smith, J W
Bell, Th P	Jelks, J T	Smiley, R H
Babcock, W L	Jodd, M H	Stephens, R R
Coyle, J W	Kennedy, J F	Teague, T F
Collins, W A	Latta, Geo G	Taylor, R H
Collings, S P	Murphy, C P	Varnadore, J B
Dwyer, M	Oden, A F B	Vaughan, H R
Dake, Charles	Short, O J	Wright, H W
Dake, Frank B	Sumpter, J J	Work, W E

Dixon, J N
Ellsworth, P H
Eveland, Charles O
Garrett, Charles
Sumpter, J J, jr
Sumpter, Wm
Spivey, W A
Smith, H C
Whittington, Alf
Wright, W W
Watson, G W

Number of members, 49.

Marianna Council, No. 25—Marianna, Lee County.

OFFICERS:

T. A. BAXTER.....T. I. M.
J. A. PLUMMER.....D. I. M.
PETER BRICKEY.....P. C. of W.
J. P. DUNHAM.....Treasurer.
R. O. MCCLINTOCK.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Ake, H B
Bishop, S H
Brown, James P
Brickey, G R
Black, E L
Bunch, N J
Cotter, Walter
Cochraine, S L
Daggett, J M
Dunham, J P
Eggleston, C L
Foreman, R R
Futral, T A
Farran, J P, jr
Govan, F H
Hutton, H N
Hayes, John W
Hascal, Harry
Jarratt, John R
Johnston, S D
Leary, J E
Lesser, Julius
Londesberry, J E
McCulloch, E A
McVeigh, H R
McCulloch, P D
McClintock, R O
Moore, P C
Morehead, R C
Northern, P E
Plummer, J A
Ragland, E D
Robertson, James
Turley, Ellis
Whitsett, J P
Wiley, S M
Wilson, C A
Wright, S H

Number of members, 40.

Brilliant Star Council, No. 27—Dardanelle, Yell County.

OFFICERS:

L. C. HALL.....T. I. M.
R. C. BULLOCK.....D. I. M.
E. LEMING, JR.....P. C. of W.
H. A. MCKENZIE.....Treasurer.
J. W. POUND.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Bullock, J T
Boles, Thomas
Cox, Thomas
Evans, W W
Forrest, J C
Garrison, A S
Gibson, T M
Gee, W H
Harkey, J M
Heck, J B
Hicks, J W
Hogens, R B
Howard, G E
Jessup, M
Johnson, W J
Jones, W H
Kline, Henry
Leming, E, jr
McCongo, A H
Morgan, R L
Madenwald, A
Morrow, W B
Mourning, D M
Murphy, J M
Ross, John A
Russell, J W
Simms, J M
Smith, W J
Smith, L M
Turner, J F
Wyatt, T M
Welch, L W
Whittlesey, F V
Wilden, A W
Wootten, W C

Number of members, 40.

Harrisburg Council, No. 29—Harrisburg, Poinsett County.

OFFICERS:

E. L. JACOBS.....T. I. M. THOS. B. SPARKS.....P. C. of W.
J. G. GANT.....D. I. M. A. C. GRIFFIN.....Treasurer.
J. LOGAN SMITH.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Ainsworth, Wm	Gant, Jno B	Kennedy, W M
Clark, Geo H	Houghton, H H	Minton, W T
Campbell, J M	Harris, B F	Minton, John S
Freeman, Foster	Harris, C G	Pollitzer, Herman
Freeman, G P	Houser, A	Wyse, Thomas H
Ford, R M		

Number of members, 21.

Sulphur Rock Council, No. 31—Sulphur Rock, Independence County.

OFFICERS:

J. H. KENNERLY.....T. I. M. J. N. CHURCHILL.....P. C. of W.
.....D. I. M. JAMES M. SANDERS.....Treasurer.
W. G. WILSON.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Aydelotte, J D	Kelly, Louis	Martin, F M
Churchill, C D	Leggett, J F	Prince, Wm
Cook, B M	Lindsey, D T	Reed, D W
Crabtree, J A	Lambertson, R J	Williford, J C
Carter, R M	Mack, Y M	Williams, James
Frost, Charles	Moore, J A	Witson, W G
Hunt, John	Moore, J E	Ward, W J
Kirkland, C C	Moore, W F	Wilson, D W

Number of members, 28.

Sam W. Williams Council, No. 32—Lonoke, Lonoke County.

OFFICERS:

T. M. HORSFALL.....T. I. M. DAN DANIELS.....P. C. of W.
PAT. H. WHEAT, JR.....D. I. M. H. T. BRADFORD.....Treasurer.
T. P. TYGART.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Boone, D R	Doyne, J J	Trimble, T C
Bell, J T	England, A G	Wheat, sr, Pat H
Clements, J F	Goodrum, sr, J C	House, M. C.
Corn, B W	Sibly, Geo	

Number of members, 16.

Central Council, No. 33—Conway, Faulkner County.

OFFICERS:

..... T. I. M. J. R. DONNELL.....P. C. of W.
W. K. DOBBINS..... .....D. I. M. M. E. MOORE..... .....Treasurer.
G. D. DICKERSON .....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Dickens, J J
Dickens, A J
Dickens, J A
Greenlee, D R B
Hamilton, J W
Jones, J S
Kinchelo, J F
Lindsey, W H
Little, J E
McKaskle, W F
Sutton, J B
Westerfield, J S
Witt, A J

Number of members, 17.

Address of Grand Master:

ANTONIO B. GRACE,

PINE BLUFF.

Address of Grand Recorder:

JAMES AUSTIN HENRY,

LITTLE ROCK.

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1895, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge, by the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

Royal and Select Masters Grand Council of Arkansas

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GRAND OFFICERS

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GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1896.

M.·. I.·.	REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN	Bentonville	Grand Master.
R.·. I.·.	JOHN P. FARRAR	Marianna	Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. I.·.	OMER J. SHORT	Hot Springs	Grand Conductor of Work.
R.·. I.·.	FREDERICK KRAMER	Little Rock	Grand Treasurer.
R.·. I.·.	JAMES A. HENRY	Little Rock	Grand Recorder.
R.·. I.·.	THOMAS M. HORSFALL	Hazen	Grand Captain of Guard.
R.·. I.·.	FRANK E. TAYLOR	Forrest City	Grand Chaplain.
R.·. I.·.	GAYLORD J. KLOCK	Eureka Springs	Grand Marshal.
I.·.	FREDERICK W. GREGORY	Hot Springs	Grand Steward.
I.·.	EDMUND METCALF	Little Rock	Grand Sentinel.

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The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Arkansas, met at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday the 22d day of November, A. D. 1895, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain:

PRESENT:

ANTONIO B. GRACE ..... M. I. Grand Master.
REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN ..... Deputy Grand Master.
CHARLES N. RIX ..... as Grand P. C. of Work.
FREDERICK KRAMER ..... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder.
JOHN P. FARRAR ..... as Grand Captain of Guard.
GEORGE THORNBURGH ..... Grand Chaplain.
J. B. STANLEY ..... as Grand Marshal.
GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Lecturer.
THOMAS M. HORSFALL ..... Grand Steward.
EDMUND METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST OFFICERS:

GEORGE A. DANNELLY.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
SAM W. WILLIAMS.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
GEORGE THORNBURGH.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
JAMES M. HARKEY.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
FAY HEMPSTEAD.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
CHARLES N. RIX.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN J. SUMPTER.....Past M. I. Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

COMP.·. CHARLES N. RIX.....Grand Council of Kansas.
COMP.·. JAMES A. HENRY.....Grand Council of Connecticut.
COMP.·. JAMES M. HARKEY.....Grand Council of Indiana.
COMP.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY.....Grand Council of Kentucky.
COMP.·. FRED. KRAMER.....Grand Council of Maine.
COMP.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER.....Grand Council of Wisconsin.
COMP.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD.....Grand Council of Maryland.
COMP.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY.....Grand Council of New Hampshire.
COMP.·. GEORGE THORNBURGH.....Grand Council of Illinois.
COMP.·. JAMES H. VAN HOOSE.....Grand Council of New Jersey.
COMP.·. ANTONIO B. GRACE.....Grand Council of Oregon.
COMP.·. SAM W. WILLIAMS.....Grand Council of Michigan.

There being a constitutional number present, the Grand Council proceeded to business.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master announced the following committees:

Committee on Credentials and Returns—Companions L. C. Hall, J. B. Baker and Alex. W. Jones.

Committee on Jurisprudence—Companions George A. Dannelly, George Thornburgh, Charles N. Rix and John J. Sumpter.

Committee on Charters and Dispensations—Companions Reuben J. Laughlin, Jas. R. Donnell and L. C. Hall.

Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Companions F. V. Whittlesey, F. W. Gregory and E. Leming.

Committee on Memorials of the Dead—Companions Fay Hempstead, Omer J. Short and J. B. Stanley.

The M. I. G. M. then delivered an extemporaneous address, which was, in substance, as follows:

Illustrious Companions:

It is customary, I believe, on occasions like this, to call attention to the fact that "another year has rolled by," or that "we have passed another milestone on the journey of life," or "the wheel of time has made another revolution," etc., but as these time-honored metaphors have served so long and faithfully they are entitled to a holiday and we will not order them on duty to-day.

Seriously, Companions, I congratulate you that so many of us have been permitted by the mercy of our Great Creator to assemble here to-day and offer up our thanks to Him for His protecting care and for the many blessings bestowed upon us during the year just passed. Peace has reigned supreme throughout our land; crops have been bountiful and prosperity is returning to our commerce and industries.

Regarding the condition of our beautiful and beloved Rite in Arkansas, I can only say to you that while we cannot boast of it as being active and making rapid progress, still there is satisfaction in knowing that we are not losing ground. In the larger towns where the stronger Councils are located, much interest is taken in Cryptic Masonry, and the Rite is flourishing and the Councils growing, while those in the country seem to be fairly holding their own.

It was my intention to have visited all the Councils during the year, and with that end in view I entered into correspondence with the principal officers of each early in last January, but circumstances over which I had no control compelled me to abandon the design, and thus another block was added to the great "pavement" of which the proverb tells us. However, on the 18th of January, I visited Occidental Council No. 1, and received a cordial welcome at the hands of T. I. M. Fay Hempstead and the Companions. I found this Council alive

and flourishing, and it gives me pleasure to add that this condition is largely due to the zeal and conspicuous ability of its illustrious Master. I also visited English Council No. 14, officially, on the 24th of February, and unofficially a number of times during the year. This is my home Council and I am glad to report that it is active and prosperous.

From the fact that no questions have been submitted to me for decision and no appeals or grievances reported to this Grand Body at this Assembly, it is apparent that peace and harmony prevail throughout this Jurisdiction.

January 18, 1895, I granted to Occidental Council No. 1, to elect and install officers, and on the 25th of the same month I granted a Dispensation for a new Council at Eureka Springs, Companion A. G. McKnight being named as T. I. M.

In the interchange of fraternal courtesies, I have during the year appointed the following Companions as representatives of this Grand Body near other Grand Councils, viz:

May 30, 1895, Companion W. A. Williams, of Wilmington, as Grand Representative near the Grand Council of North Carolina.

July 6, Companion D. T. Stafford, of Alexandria, as Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Louisiana.

November 4, Companion Walter Thomas, of Palatka, as Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Florida.

And I have also recommended to the most illustrious Grand Masters of the Grand Councils named, the following Companions for appointment as their Representative near this Grand Council, viz:

June 19, Companion J. H. Kennerly, of Sulphur Rock, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York.

June 20, Companion Lewis C. Hall, of Dardanelle, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Massachusetts.

July 6, Companion T. A. Baxter, of Marion, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Louisiana.

I received from Companion Henry W. Mordhurst, General Grand Recorder, the following communication, and recommend that this Grand Council approve the action of the M. P. General Grand Master.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF UNITED STATES,
NEW YORK, May 15, 1895.

To Denver Council No. 1, Denver, Colorado; Rocky Mountain Council No. 2, Trinidad, Colorado; Durango Council No. 3, Durango, Colorado; Akron Council No. 4, Akron, Colorado; Canon City Council No. 5, Canon City, Colorado; Pueblo Council No. 7, Pueblo, Colorado; Hiram Council, U. D., Greely, Colorado.

GREETING.

WHEREAS, certain Companions and officers and members of the following named Councils, to-wit: Denver Council No. 1, Rocky Mountain Council No. 2, Durango Council No. 3, Akron Council No. 4, and Pueblo Council No. 7, all of our immediate Jurisdiction, did, on or about December 6, 1894, attempt to set up a Grand Council for the State of Colorado, without first obtaining the consent of the General Grand Master; and

WHEREAS, the Thrice Illustrious Masters of the above named Councils have been duly warned of the illegality of their action, yet they are persisting in their unlawful undertaking.

Now therefore, I, JOHN W. COBURN, Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, with the obligation resting upon me to uphold the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Council, do hereby *suspend from office* the following named Companions, to-wit:

William A. McGrew, T. I. Master, Denver Council No. 1; John Humphreys, T. I. Master, Rocky Mountain Council, No. 2; Jethro C. Sanford, T. I. Master, Durango Council No. 3; Cyrus W. Phelps, T. I. Master, Akron Council No. 4; William L. Shockey, T. I. Master, Pueblo Council No. 7.

The Deputy Masters of the Councils enumerated, viz: Denver No. 1, Rocky Mountain No. 2, Durango No. 3, Akron

No. 4 and Pueblo No. 7, are hereby empowered and directed to take charge of their several Councils as the acting T. I. Masters, and they are instructed to make due return of this order to the General Grand Recorder.

Notice is also given that should any of the Councils referred to, fail to uphold the authority of the General Grand Council and defy the action of the General Grand Master, the charter of such offending Council will be arrested.

By order of the M.·. P.·. General Grand Master.
Attested at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

HENRY W. MORDHURST,
General Grand Recorder.

Companions, I now come to the saddest part of my duty —that of officially announcing to you the death of our beloved Companion and late Grand Chaplain Jasper M. Pinnell, which occurred at his home in Arkansas County last Monday. It is difficult to speak of this sad event without tears, and I feel myself wholly inadequate to the task of paying a proper tribute to his memory. Companion Pinnell was intimately known to every member of this Body and we all loved him. In him were combined unflagging zeal, a high order of intelligence, a wide range of learning and a heart overflowing with love and charity for his fellowman. He met death face to face with the calm courage and unwavering faith of a Christian gentleman, and we cannot have a higher ambition than to pray that each of us, when called to meet his Supreme Grand Master, might be able to leave behind such a record and such affectionate memories as Companion Pinnell.

It only remains now, to return my heartfelt thanks to you, Companions, for the generous partiality and kindness bestowed on my unworthy self in my elevation to the high station which I am now about to surrender to my successor, and to assure you of my lifelong gratitude.

A. B. GRACE,
M.·. I.·. Master.

Companion Thornburgh offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations; so much as refers to the death of Companion Pinnell be referred to the Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S AND RECORDER'S BOOKS.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Recorder's Books made the following report which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

Your Committee on the Treasurer's and Recorder's Books beg leave to report—

The Grand Recorder's books show that he has received from all sources	$184 00
He holds the Treasurer's receipt for	112 50
He has now on hand received during session of the Grand Council	$ 71 50
The Grand Treasurer had on hand November 23, 1894	$109 70
Received from the Grand Recorder	112 50
Total	$222 20
Paid out on warrants Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive	117 75
Leaving a balance on hand	$104 45

Fraternally submitted,

F. V. WHITTLESEY,
E. LEMING, JR.,
F. W. GREGORY,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

Your committee appointed on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report, that they have examined the books and papers of Mystic Council, U. D., located at Eureka Springs. We found work all regular and the books exceptionally kept and we recommend that a charter be granted and that A. G. McKnight be first T.·. I.·. M.·., J. P. Fancher, first Dep. I.·. M.·., and G. J. Klock, first P. C. of W.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. LAUGHLIN,
L. C. HALL,
JAS. R. DONNELL,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred certain matters, fraternally submit the following report:

We recommend that the Grand Council of the Indian Territory and the Grand Council of the State of Washington be recognized as duly and lawfully organized. We find that six Councils in Colorado attempted to organize a Grand Council. As to the regularity of this attempt we cannot speak but the General Grand Council of the United States has declared such attempt to be illegal and void. And as we are constitutionally of the General Grand Council we recommend that no action be taken by this Grand Council in that case.

GEORGE THORNBURGH,
F. E. BADGER,
W. K. DOBBINS,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to report the following Companions eligible to seats in this Grand Council.

GRAND OFFICERS.

COMP.·. A. B. GRACE ..... Grand Master.
COMP.·. R. J. LAUGHLIN ..... Deputy Grand Master.
COMP.·. C. N. RIX ..... as Grand P. C. of Work.
COMP.·. FRED KRAMER ..... Grand Treasurer.
COMP.·. JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder.
COMP.·. JOHN P. FARRAR ..... Grand Captain of Guard.
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COMP.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY ..... Grand Lecturer.
COMP.·. J. B. STANLEY ..... as Grand Marshal.
COMP.·. J. R. DONNELL ..... as Grand Steward.
COMP.·. EDMUND METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Name of Chapter.	*No.*	*Representative.*
OCCIDENTAL	1	Fay Hempstead, T. I. M. James A. Henry, Dept. I. M. George Thornburgh, P. C. of W.
BENTONVILLE	6	R. J. Laughlin, T. I. M.
SEARCY	12	George A. Dannelly, T. I. M.

ENGLISH	14	J. B. Stanley, T. I. M.
AUGUSTA	22	A. W. Jones, T. I. M.
HOT SPRINGS	23	Charles N. Rix, T. I. M. Omer J. Short, P. C. of W., and proxy Dept. I. M.
MARIANNA	25	John P. Farrar, proxy for T. I. M. Dept. I. M. and P. C. of W.
BRILLIANT STAR	27	L. C. Hall, T. I. M. E. Leming, proxy Dept. I. M. F. V. Whittlesey, proxy P. C. of W.
HARRISBURG	29	J. Logan Smith, proxy T. I. M.
SAM W. WILLIAMS	35	T. M. Horsfall, T. I. M.
CENTRAL	36	W. K. Dobbins, proxy T. I. M. J. R. Donnell, P. C. of W.
MYSTIC	39	F. H. Badger, T. I. M. G. J. Klock, P. C. of W.

We also find there are seventeen Councils on the roll, twelve of which are represented, eleven of which have made returns and paid their dues. Two have made returns but paid no dues, and four have made no returns. All of which is

Respectfully submitted.

L. C. HALL,
A. W. JONES,
J. B. BAKER,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND USAGE.

To the M.·. E.·. Grand Council:

Your Committee on Law and Usage respectfully report that nothing has been referred to us for consideration. Whether this indicates lethargy, or peace and harmony we cannot say, but we congratulate the Cryptic Craft on the apparent good will existing among our members.

G. A. DANNELLY,
GEORGE THORNBURGH,
CHAS. N. RIX,
JOHN J. SUMPTER,
Committee.

The Grand Council was then called to refreshments until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Council was called to labor, M.·. I.·. Grand Master A. B. Grace, presiding.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Companions G. J. Klock and F. W. Gregory acting as tellers, with the following result:

R.·. I.·. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN ..... Grand Master.
R.·. I.·. JOHN P. FARRAR ..... Dept. Grand Master.
R.·. I.·. OMER J. SHORT ..... Grand Principal C. of the Work.
R.·. I.·. FREDERICK KRAMER ..... Grand Treasurer.
R.·. I.·. JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder.
R.·. I.·. THOMAS M. HORSFALL ..... Grand Captain of Guard.
R.·. I.·. FRANK E. TAYLOR ..... Grand Chaplain.
R.·. I.·. GAYLORD J. KLOCK ..... Grand Marshal.
R.·. I.·. FRED W. GREGORY ..... Grand Steward.
I.·. EDMUND METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel.

The officers elect were installed in their respective stations by M.·. I.·. Past Grand Master Geo. A. Dannelly.

Companion Thornburgh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

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The following resolution was offered by Companion John J. Sumpter, which was adopted:

Resolved, That $5 be appropriated to pay the Grand Sentinel for services during this Assembly.

NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assemblv of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAS. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

TO THE MEMORY OF OUR COMPANIONS WHO ARE AT REST.

COUNCIL.	No.	NAME.	LOCATION.
Occidental	1	John P. Karnes	Little Rock.
Osiris	5	Louis Miller	Fort Smith.
Osiris	5	J. R. A. Hendry	Fort Smith.
Osiris	5	Thomas Vernon	Fort Smith.
Searcy	12	J. W. Patterson	Searcy.
Hot Springs	23	Michael Dwyer	Hot Springs.

"Their labors at the Secret Vault are ended."

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1896.

Name of Council.	Number.	Stated Assemblies.	Received and Granted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended for non-payment of Dues	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Number of Members.	Dues for 1895.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Third Thursday of each month	7		1	1		1			49	38.50	38.50
Adoniram	2	Fifth Saturday of each month									10	5.00	5.00
Osiris	5	Second Thursday of each month				3					31	15.50	
Bentonville	6	Monday after full moon		1							10	5.00	5.00
Searcy	12	Second Monday of each month	1			2				1	27	13.00	13.00
Batesville	13	(No returns since 1893).											
English	14	Third Thursday of each month	4	2			1			1	41	26.50	26.50
Augusta	22	Fourth Monday of each month									14	7.00	7.00
Hot Springs	23	Third Monday of each month					1				48	24.00	24 00
Marianna	25	Third Thursday of each month					4				36	18.00	18.00
Brilliant Star	27	First Monday of each month					4				35	17.50	17.50
Harrisburg	29	Fourth Wednesday of each month									21	10.50	
Sam W. Williams	35	First Monday of each month			1						19	9.50	9.50
			12	3	2	6	10	1		2	332	190.00	164.00

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROY L AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	†Luke E. Barber	†E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	†R. L. Dodge	†E. H. English.
1861						
1862						
1863						
1864						
1865	†E. H. English	†A. J. Ward	†J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	†R. L. Dodge	†T. D. Merrick.
1866	E. H. English		†John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	†W. D. Blocher.
1867	†Harris Fanagin	†B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	†R. L. Dodge	†Louis George	W. D. Blocher.
1868	Harris Fanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	Fred Kramer	W. D. Blocher.
1869	†E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	†M. L. Bell	†J. W. Jordan	†R. L. Dodge	†L. E. Barber.
1870	G. A. Dannelly	†John W. Jordan	†E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1871	†E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. F. Powell	†John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1872	E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1873	†James T. Stinton	†G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1874	†G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	†M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millerd	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1875	†M. M. McGuire	†E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Millner	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1876	C. W. Millerd	†J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	†J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1877	†J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	†G. H. Meade	L. E. Barber.
1878	†J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	G. H. Meade	L. E. Barber.
1879						
1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Lancelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	†G. H. Meade	†L. E. Barber.
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	Geo. Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1883	Geo. Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	†Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1884	James M. Harkey	†Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1885	†Logan H. Roots	†Geo L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1886	†Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1887	Geo. L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1888	D. D Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1889	Fay Hempstead	Chas. N. Rix		Ed S. Carl Lee	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1890	Fay Hempstead	Chas. N. Rix		Ed S. Carl Lee	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1891	Chas. N. Rix	Ed S. Carl Lee		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1892	Chas. N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1893	Chas. N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1894	John J. Sumpter	Antonio B. Grace		R. J. Laughlin	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1895	Antonio B. Grace	R. J. Laughlin		†J. M. Pinnell	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.

† Dead.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Grand Recorder.	Residence.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Sidney J. Stanford	Barrie, Ont.
Connecticut	James McCormick, 150 State St	Hartford.
England and Wales	C. F. Mattier, 3 and 4 Lincoln's Inn Fields	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	A. M. Callahan	Osborne.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	S. B. Spencer	Springfield.
Michigan	Gara B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	L. L. Green	Passaic.
New York	George Van Vliet, 6th Ave. and 23d St	New York.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina	Horace H. Morrison	Wilmington.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Oregon	Seth Pope	Portland.
Ohio	William E. Evans	Chillicothe.
Pennsylvania	Joshua L. Lytle	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	William R Green	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	H. C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of Other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Arkansas.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
Alabama		
Canada		
California		
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida	C. W. Millerd	Magnolia.
Georgia		
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indiana	James M. Harkey	Russellville.
Kansas	C. N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Kentucky	George A. Dannelly	Searcy.
Louisiana	T. A. Baxter	Marianna.
Maine	Frederick Kramer	Little Rock.
Maryland	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts	Lewis C. Hall	Dardanelle.
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Lancelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
Mississippi		
New Hampshire	F. V. Whittlesey	Little Rock.
New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York	J. H. Kennerly	Sulphur Rock.
Nebraska	Ed. S. Carl Lee	Augusta.
Oregon	A. B. Grace	Pine Bluff.
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	W. H. H. Clayton	Fort Smith.
Rhode Island		
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Tennessee	Charles N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.

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REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAS. A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

Adoniram Council No. 2.—Camden, Ouachita County.

OFFICERS.

C. H. STONE ..... T. I. M. W. K. RAMSEY ..... P. C. of W.
— — ——— .... D. I. M. J. A. PROCTOR .... Treasurer.
A. A. TUFTS ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Felsenthal, D.
Millen, H. A.
Myar, H. W.
Newton, D.
Sale, R. F.
Whitfield, W. E.

Number of members, 10.

Osiris Council No. 5—Fort Smith Sebastian County.

OFFICERS:

W. H. H. CLAYTON ..... T. I. M. E. E. BRYANT ..... P. C. of W.
W. M. MELLETTE .... D. I. M. STEPHEN WHEELER ..... Treasurer.
JAMES H. HAMILTON .... Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Atkinson, B. F.
Ayers, C. C.
Barnes, C. M.
Baer, Simon
Baer, Herman
Bocquin, C. F.
Bailey, W. W.
Beavers, W. M.
Clark, G. C.
Fuller, Aaron.
Hill, J. M.
Hays, H. J.
Hammitt, R. W.
Hall, Charles
Klein, F. J.
Lyman, George H.
Mitchell, E. E.
McKenna, Ed
Park, Frank.
Perry, W. W.
Reutzel, Henry.
Schultz, G. W.
Sample, W. A.
Vaile, John.
Williams, John F.
Young, D. J.

Number of members, 31.

Bentonville Council No. 6—Bentonville, Benton County.

OFFICERS:

R. J. LAUGHLIN .... T. I. M. J. P. BURNS ..... P. C. of W.
R. M. CORLEY ..... D. I. M. S. F. STAHL .... Treasurer.
C. W. CLAPP ..... Recorder

MEMBERS:

Bates, J. L.
Beach, B. S.
Chastain, J. T.
Corley, R. N.
Kimmins, B. F.
Mason, Joshua.
Patton, W. F.
Talliaferro, C. D.
Wekerlin, H. J.
Wall, E. B.

Number of members, 15.

Searcy Council No. 12—Searcy, White County.

OFFICERS.

G. A. DANNELLY ..... T. I. M. T. L. MILNER ..... P. C. of W.
E. H. SMITH ..... D. I. M. L. G. CANFIELD ..... Treasurer.
BEN ISBELL ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John W.
Bradley, J. W.
Carter, W. B.
Conner, Webb.
Cypert, Eugene
Edie, J. W.
Edwards, James
Ellis, T. B.
George, C. S.
Hicks, Jno. T.
Holland, John G.
Huff, John M.
Jones, L. M.
Jones, W. A. B.
McCauley, John C.
McRae,
Moyer, Theo.
Neal, John H.
Sewell, F. P.
Wafford, Marsett.
Whitley, W. D.

Number of members, 26.

English Council No. 14—Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

OFFICERS.

J. T. MARSH ..... T. I. M. F. H. HEAD ..... P. C. of W.
J. P. STANLEY ..... D. I. M. A. BLUM ..... Treasurer.
J. J. MOORE ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Becker, F.
Barnett, W. H.
Beardsley, A. E.
Boyd, Newton
Cady, H. G.
Case, M. L.
Cook, N. L.
Fritz, J. L. B.
Finney, A. L.
Geisreiter, S.
Glegg, John L.
Grace, A. B.
Gorell, A. C.
Hanson, H.
Holmes, N. D.
Hansboro, J. C.
Kennon, F. W.
Meyer, Gabe
Mills, D. 1.
Mills, D. S.
Miller, Sol.
Moore, George B.
O'Connell, John
O'Neal, J. W.
Purdon, W. C.
Penrod, W. K.
Rucks, J. T.
Stephens, C. F.
Spring, John V.
St. John, T. J.
Sorrells, T. F.
Trimble, D. S.
Vernon, W. J. D.
Weil, Charles
West, W. F.
Wilson, T. J.
Williams, E. W.

Number of members, 43.

Augusta Council No. 22—Augusta, Woodruff County.

OFFICERS.

ED. S. CARL LEE .....T. I. M. IGNATIUS ROTTMAN .....P. C. of W.
S. E. DENT .....D. I. M. I. J. STACY.....Treasurer.
J. P. HOUSE .....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Andrews, W. V.
Dale, F. D.
Dent, J. B.
Ferguson, J. P.
Ewing, R. G.
Ferguson, W. E.
Jones, Alex. W.
Patient, W. J.
Rottman, V.
Wilkerson, J. B.
Murphy, J. L.

Number of members, 16.

Hot Springs Council No. 23—Hot Springs, Garland County.

OFFICERS.

C. N. RIX .....T. I. M. A. S. SITHEN .....P. C. of W.
J. B. FORDYCE .....D. I. M. W. J. LITTLE .....Treasurer.
W. H. C. BROADDUS .....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Alford, J. W.
Blumensteil, A.
Bentz, P. S.
Bell, Th. P.
Babcock, W. L.
Coyle, J. W.
Collins, W. A.
Collings, S. P.
Dake, Charles
Dake, Frank B.
Dixon, J. N.
Ellsworth, P. H.
Eveland, Charles O.
Garrett, Charles
Gregory, F. W.
Horner, J. S.
Hogaboom, Ed.
Jelks, J. T.
Jodd, M. H.
Kennedy, J. F.
Latta, Geo. G.
Murphy, C. P.
Oden, A. F. B.
Short, O. J.
Sumpter, J. J.
Sumpter, J. J. Jr.
Sumpter, Wm.
Spivey, W. A.
Smith, H. C.
Smith, I. S.
Smith, R. M.
Smith, I. W.
Smiley, R. H.
Stevens, R. R.
Teague, T. F.
Taylor, R. H.
Varnadore, J. B.
Vaughan, H. R.
Wright, H. W.
Work, W. E.
Whittington, Alf
Wright, W. W.
Watson, G. W.

Number of members, 48.

Marianna Council No. 25.—Marianna, Lee County.

OFFICERS.

PETER BRICKEY .....T. I. M. R. O. MCCLINTOCK.....P. C. of W.
J. A. PLUMBER .....D. I. M. J. P. DUNHAM.....Treasurer.
WALTER COTTER .....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Ake, H. B.
Baxter, T. A.
Brown, James P.
Brickey, G. R.
Bunch, N. J.
Cochran, S. K.
Dagget, J. M.
Dunham, J. P.
Eggleston, C. L.
Foreman, R. R.
Futral, T. A.
Farrar, J. P.
Govan, F. H.
Hutton, H. N.
Hayes, John W.
Hassel, Harry
Jarratt, John R.
Leary, J. E.
Lesser, Julius
Londesberry, J. E.
McCulloch, E. A.
McVeigh, H. H.
McCulloch, P. D.
Moore, P. C.
Morehead, R. C.
Northern, P. E.
Ragland, E. D.
Robertson, James
Turley, Ellis
Whitsett, J. P.
Wilson, C. A.

Number of members, 36.

Brilliant Star Council No. 27.—Dardanelle, Yell County.

OFFICERS.

L. C. HALL .....T. I. M. J. M. HARKEY.....P. C. of W.
R. C. BULLOCK .....D. I. M. H. A. MCKENZIE.....Treasurer.
J. W. POUND.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Bullock, J. T.
Boles, Thomas
Cox, Thomas
Evans, W. W.
Forrest, J. C.
Garrison, A. S.
Gee, W. H.
Heck, J. B.
Hogins, R. B.
Howard, G. E.
Johnson, W. J.
Jones, W. H.
Leming, E., Jr.
McCargo, A. H.
Morgan, R. L.
Madenwald, A.
Morrow, W. B.
Mourning, D. M.
Murphy, J. M.
Ross, John A.
Russell, J. W.
Simms, J. M.
Smith, W. J.
Smith, L. M.
Turner, J. F.
Wyatt, T. M.
Welch, L. W.
Whittlesey, F. V.
Wilder, A. W.

Number of members, 34.

Harrisburg Council No. 29—Harrisburg, Poinsett County.

OFFICERS:

E. L. JACOBS.....T. I. M. THOS. B. SPARKS.....P. C. of W.
J. G. GANT.....D. I. M. A. C. GRIFFIN.....Treasurer.
J. LOGAN SMITH.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Ainsworth, Wm.
Clark, Geo. H.
Campbell, J. M.
Freeman, Foster
Freeman, G. P.
Ford, R. M.
Gant, John B.
Houghton, H. H.
Harris, B. F.
Harris, C. G.
Houser, A.
Kennedy, W. M.
Minton, W. T.
Minton, John S.
Pollitzer, Herman.
Wyse, Thomas H.

Number of members, 21.

Sam W. Williams Council No. 32—Lonoke, Lonoke County.

OFFICERS:

T. M. HORSFALL.....T. I. M. DAN DANIEL.....P. C. of W.
PAT H. WHEAT, JR.....D. I. M. H. J. BRADFORD.....Treasurer.
T. J. TYGART.....Recorder.

MEMBERS:

Cumming, I. R.
Boone, D. R.
Bell, J. F.
Clements, J. F.
Corn, B. W.
Dempsie, W. E.
Doyne, J. J.
England, A. G.
Goodrum, J. C., Sr.
Sibley, George
Trimble, T. C.
Wheat Pat H., Sr.
House, M. C.
England, J. C.

Number of members, 19.

Mystic Council No. 34.—Eureka Springs, Carroll County.

OFFICERS.

A. G. MCKNIGHT.....T. I. M. G. J. KLOCK.....P. C. of W.
J. P. FANCHER.....D. I. M. T. F. HAWLEY.....Treasurer.
F. H. BADGER.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Butts, Jacob
Bolton, J. B.
Clark, O. M.
Dickens, W. T.
Humphries, T. C.
Massey, E. L.
Martin, G. W.
Williams, B.

Number of members, 13.

Address of Grand Master:

REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN,

BENTONVILLE.

Address of Grand Recorder:

JAMES AUSTIN HENRY,

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Royal Select Masters.

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M.·. P.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF ARKANSAS.

A. D. 1896. A. DEP. 2896.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Arkansas, met at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday the 20th day of November, A. D. 1896, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT.

M.·. I.·. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN ..... Grand Master
R.·. I.·. JOHN P. FARRAR ..... Deputy Grand Master
R.·. I.·. OMER J. SHORT ..... Grand Conductor of Work
R.·. I.·. JOHN BRODIE ..... Grand Treasurer
R.·. I.·. JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder
R.·. I.·. THOMAS M. HORSFALL ..... Grand Captain of Guard
R.·. I.·. FRANK E. TAYLOR ..... Grand Chaplain
R.·. I.·. GAYLORD J. KLOCK ..... Grand Marshal
I.·. FREDERICK W. GREGORY ..... Grand Steward
I.·. EDMUND METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel

PAST OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. DANNELLY	Past M. I. Grand Master
GEORGE THORNBURGH	Past M. I. Grand Master
JAMES M. HARKEY	Past M. I. Grand Master
FAY HEMPSTEAD	Past M. I. Grand Master
CHARLES N. RIX	Past M. I. Grand Master
JOHN J. SUMPTER	Past M. I. Grand Master
A. B. GRACE	Past M. I. Grand Master

REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

COMP.·. CHARLES N. RIX	Grand Council of Kansas
COMP.·. JAMES A. HENRY	Grand Council of Connecticut
COMP.·. JAMES M. HARKEY	Grand Council of Indiana
COMP.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY	Grand Council of Kentucky
COMP.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER	Grand Council of Wisconsin
COMP.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD	Grand Council of Maryland
COMP.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY	Grand Council of New Hampshire
COMP.·. GEORGE THORNBURGH	Grand Council of Illinois
COMP.·. JAMES H. VAN HOOSE	Grand Council of New Jersey
COMP.·. ANTONIO B. GRACE	Grand Council of Oregon
COMP.·. T. M. HORSFALL	Grand Council of Canada
COMP.·. T. A. BAXTER	Grand Council of Louisiana
COMP.·. J. P. STANLEY	Grand Council of Mississippi
COMP.·. F. V. WHITTLESEY	Grand Council of New Hampshire
COMP.·. G. W. SKIDMORE	Grand Council of Rhode Island

There being a constitutional number present, the Grand Council proceeded to business.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master announced the following committees:

On Credentials and Returns—Companions John T. Hicks, J. P. Stanley and J. M. Daggett.

On Jurisprudence—Companions George Thornburgh, J. M. Harkey, Fay Hempstead and A. B. Grace.

On Treasurer's and Recorder's Books—Companions John T. Hicks, F. W. Gregory and G. W. Skidmore.

On Memorials of the Dead—Companions Fay Hempstead, J. M. Daggett and J. M. Harkey.

On Charters and Dispensations—Companions George Thornburgh, A. B. Grace and Fay Hempstead.

The M. I. Grand Master then delivered his annual address:

Illustrious Companions:

After spending the week with the more numerously attended bodies, Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, we now meet "The Select, The Faithful, The Worthy Few," in Grand Council, in the last Arch. Professing Faith in God in the first, confidence in the Book of the Law in the second, let us in this enjoy full confidence in His promises, and with grateful hearts return our thanks to Him for life, health and strength, to have sustained the tests of another most trying year, of drouth, heat and extreme financial depression, coupled with a presidential canvass. Our gratitude should show no bounds to that Allwise and Beneficent Creator, who endows us with the ability to endure such calamities, and gives us a government capable of withstanding such strains.

These meetings strengthen our system of free and liberal government. The advocates of all the political isms meet, lay aside their favorite theories of running the country, bury their antagonisms, revive the feelings of Brotherhood, and start in for another year's discharge of the duties of life, zealously renewing their labors for the good of humanity, battling for the weak, against wrong, oppression and superstition.

Companions, with the first greetings over, we realize the absence of our former associates. Before entering upon further duties, let us reverently call attention to our Companion, who has quietly closed up his Arch, laid down his sword and trowel, and gone on before to receive his wages.

Our beloved Grand Treasurer, R: I: Companion Frederick Kramer, died September 8, 1896, at Colorado Springs, Col. It is unnecessary for me to speak of the virtues of our departed Companion to any Mason in Arkansas. Every one will miss him, his hearty greeting, pleasant face and voice—"the young may die, the old must die."

"Yet Love will dream, and Faith will trust,
Since He, who knows our needs, is just,
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must."

In August I received a communication from the M: P: Grand Master, of Pennsylvania, notifying us of the death of I: Companion Thomas Millspaugh, R: P: Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Pennsylvania.

I would recommend that suitable memorials be prepared for our beloved dead and those of other Jurisdictions.

Since we meet to review the proceedings of the past year, I submit a short account of my official acts. The duties of the office have been light, and have not required much attention.

During the year it has been my pleasure to visit all the Councils in the Northwest part of the State, and can report them in good condition.

I met with Osiris Council No. 5, at Fort Smith, on the night of their regular annual election and installation, and assisted in conferring the degrees and installed the officers.

Our new Council, Mystic No. 34, is working well, as every one will know who is acquainted with the Companions at Eureka Springs and their Masonic Zeal.

DISPENSATIONS.

On March 24 I issued a dispensation to Occidental Council No. 1 to receive and act upon the petition of Companion ————, on the same day, in order that he might go through with a class that they had ready to work.

On July 1 I issued a dispensation to Mystic Council No. 34 to receive and act upon the petition of Companion John H. Dickens the same night.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

On January 21 I appointed Companion Geo. M. Gross, whose commission had expired, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Arkansas, near the Grand Council of Illinois.

DORMANT COUNCILS.

In corresponding with the Grand Recorder, I found that Pike Council No. 8 had made no returns since 1893; Ward No. 9, no returns since 1889; Batesville No. 13, no returns since 1893; Blakeney No. 19, no returns since 1889; Sulphur Rock made returns for 1894, but paid no dues, and Central No. 36, no returns for 1895.

On September 5 I wrote to the following Companions, believing their zeal for the cause would prompt them to action, authorizing them to visit the respective Councils, and endeavor to revive them, but failing in this, to arrest the charters, and send all the books, papers and property, of the several Councils, to the Grand Recorder before this meeting of the Grand Council:

Companion G. W. De Vaughan, Waldo, for Pike Council No. 8, at Magnolia; Companion Jno. C. Bone, Batesville, for Batesville No. 13, at Batesville; Companion T. M. Horsfall, Hazen, for Blakeney No. 19, at Clarendon; Companion J. H. Kennerly, Sulphur Rock, for Sulphur Rock No. 31, Sulphur Rock; Companion W. I. James, Clarksville, for Ward No. 9, Clarksville, and at the same time wrote Companion W. K. Dobbins, earnestly urging him to see the Companions of Conway about the dues of Central No. 33.

I received prompt replies from Companions W. I. James and John C. Bone promising to comply.

Companion Jno. C. Bone sent in the books, jewels and papers for Batesville No. 13.

Companion T. M. Horsfall turned in the charter and jewels of Blakeney No. 19.

Companion J. H. Kennerley reports all its effects burned, Sulphur Rock No. 31.

Companion G. W. De Vaughan asks for three months' time to pay dues and revive Pike No. 8.

Companion W. I. James reports no life, charter, records or evidences of existence, Ward No. 9.

Companion Dobbins failed to get the letter, Central No. 33.

We have long since abandoned all hope of seeing the Cryptic degrees worked generally, and generally appreciated. In my own council it is almost impossible to get a meeting when there is no work. In fact, it is, and always has been, difficult to keep up Councils outside of the cities.

In our younger days, when filled with enthusiastic admiration for the beauties of the Cryptic degrees, our greatest desire was to see them universally worked, and every Royal Arch Mason avail himself of his privilege of advancing.

The Councils then were far apart, and it was very difficult to obtain the degrees. It so happened that I lived a long way from a Council; and, after several ineffectual attempts to get a quorum, getting thoroughly disgusted with the seeming careless negligence of our Council, after a long correspondence, I got a dispensation to receive the degrees in the city of Evansville, Ind. They were beautifully conferred. I was so impressed with their worth, that I really believed that, if it could be arranged, so that a sufficient number of Companions to work, could obtain the degrees in each Chapter, the Council would become one of the most popular branches of Masonry. And, in my enthusiasm, I went to our Grand Chapter and Grand Council and effected a consolidation. This was about the time the "Mississippi plan" was being tried. After working that way for awhile, communicating the degrees to the officers of the Chapters and a sufficient number of Companions in each Chapter to work them, the Grand Chapter abandoned them, the Grand Council resumed work, and in a few years we fell back into the old condition of indifference. Alas! the dreams of youth are seldom realized.

GRAND TREASURER.

On October 2 I appointed Companion John Brodie, Grand Treasurer, to fill the vacancy in that office caused by the death of Companion Frederick Kramer.

Companions, you have the account of my stewardship before you. But I must not close this without publicly acknowledging the obligations to our I: Grand Recorder for so many kindnesses to lighten my labors during the year.

And, now, having been placed by your partiality on the highest round of ambition's ladder, I can readily see, from this point of view, how far short I have fallen of what your preferment deserved.

In conclusion, I tender you the sincere thanks of a grateful heart, and offer you in the years to come all the assistance that my experience will give, coupled with a zealous interest in the Craft. And may we all, in our life and labors, "illustrate the moral principles of our order," and "hold in due veneration the ancient landmarks."

We are now ready to draw our designs for the coming year.

R. J. LAUGHLIN,
Grand Master.

Companion Hempstead offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the address of the Most Illustrious as relates to the death of Right Illustrious Companion Frederick Kramer, and other companions, be referred to the Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

So much as relates to proceedings of Councils to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Credentials and Returns, beg leave to report that we find fourteen Councils on the roll, ten of which are represented, and four of which are not represented.

We further find that six Subordinate Councils are in arrears for Grand Council dues; the amount of dues received from those not in arrears being $150.50.

We find the following entitled to seats in this Grand Council, to-wit:

GRAND OFFICERS.

COMP.·. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN ..... Grand Master
COMP.·. JOHN P. FARRAR ..... Deputy Grand Master
COMP.·. OMER J. SHORT ..... Grand Conductor of Work
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FAY HEMPSTEAD ..... Past M. I. Grand Master
CHARLES N. RIX ..... Past M. I. Grand Master
JOHN J. SUMPTER ..... Past M. I. Grand Master
ANTONIO B. GRACE ..... Past M. I. Grand Master

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. MASTERS.

ASSEMBLY 1896.

Name of Councils.	*No.*	*Representatives.*
OCCIDENTAL	1	Fay Hempstead, T. Ill. M.
ADONIRAM		
OSIRIS		
BENTONVILLE	6	R. J. Laughlin, T. Ill. M.
SEARCY	12	John T. Hicks, proxy for T. Ill. M.
ENGLISH	14	J. P. Stanley, proxy for T. Ill. M.
AUGUSTA		
HOT SPRINGS	23	O. J. Short, T. Ill. M.
MARIANNA	25	J. M. Daggett, proxy for D. I. M.
BRILLIANT STAR	27	J. M. Harkey, by resolution.
HARRISBURG		
SAM W. WILLIAMS	32	T. M. Horsfall, T. I. M.
CENTRAL	33	W. K. Dobbins, by resolution.
MYSTIC	34	Gaylord J. Klock, P. C. of W.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN T. HICKS,
J. P. STANLEY.
J. M. DAGGETT,
Committ e.

COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S AND RECORDER'S BOOKS.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Recorder's Books made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

We, your Committee on Recorder's and Treasurer's Books, have made examination of the accounts of those officers, and beg leave to submit the following:

We find that the Grand Recorder has received from Subordinate Councils the sum of $179, for which he holds Treasurer's vouchers.

We find that the Grand Treasurer has received from all sources, including the amount received by him from Grand Treasurer Frederick Kramer, deceased, the sum of $288.55.

He has paid out, as per vouchers, $69.90; leaving balance on hand, $218.65.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. HICKS,
F. W. GREGORY,
G. W. SKIDMORE,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report that we have duly considered that part of the Grand Master's address referring to dormant Councils, and recommend that the action of Companion John C. Bone in accepting the books, etc., of Batesville Council No. 13, and the action of Companion T. M. Horsfall in taking up the charter of Blakeney Council No. 19, and the action of Companion J. H. Kennedy in reporting the nonexistence of any evidence of the life of Sulphur Rock Council No. 31, and the action of Companion W. I. James in reporting the demise of Ward Council No. 9, be approved; and we recommend that the charters of these Councils be declared forfeited.

We recommend that Pike Council No. 8, be granted three months in which to pay its dues.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE THORNBURGH,
A. B. GRACE,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND USAGES.

To the M.·. E.·. Grand Council:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the question as to the right of a nonaffiliated Royal Arch Mason to petition for the Council degrees,

respectfully report that a petitioner for the Council degrees must be an affiliated Royal Arch Mason or have applied to a Chapter to become affiliated.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE THORNBURGH,
J. M. HARKEY,
FAY HEMPSTEAD,
A. B. GRACE.

Companion A. B. Grace offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That section 4, of article 1, of this Grand Council be amended to read as follows: "Section 4. All the officers of the Grand Council shall be elected at the Annual Assembly by a majority vote of the Representatives and members present."

Companion John Brodie offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That per diem of $2 be allowed all the officers of the Grand Council, all Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, and also to one Representative from each Council represented; provided that Representatives from Councils in arrears for dues receive no per diem. This resolution to go into effect at the Assembly of 1897.

Companion R. J. Laughlin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized and directed to issue certificates of membership to members of defunct Councils, upon satisfactory proof to the Grand Recorder that the applicant was not suspended at the time his Council became defunct.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS OF THE DEAD.

The Committee on Memorials of the Dead presented the following report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes, to-wit:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Arkansas, R. and S. M.:

The undersigned, appointed a Committee on Memorials of the Dead, and to whom was referred so much of the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master as relates to the death of Companion Frederick Kramer, Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council, and other Companions, having considered the same, beg leave to present the following:

Companion Kramer served this Grand Council most zealously and faithfully as Grand Treasurer from the year 1890, and at all times took an active interest in the progress of Cryptic Masonry with us. His accuracy in all details, and his scrupulous fidelity to all of his undertakings made him peculiarly fitted for the responsible position which he so well filled. His death was unlooked for, and while it seemed probable that he would yet be spared to us many years, the summons came to him that called him hence. His history, both civil and Masonic, has been so fully presented that no repetition of it here is needed.

It has been brought to our notice also that during the current year, or close thereto, Companions C. W. Millard, who was Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1876, and John H. Neal, who was Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in 1873, have departed this life. These Companions, in their time, wrought their full work among us, and now, at the bidding of the Great Architect, they have laid aside their working tools, to enter upon the joys and glories of that ineffable Sabbath, whose light shall know no end.

We recommend that a memorial page, suitably inscribed, be set apart in our proceedings to their memory, and that a copy of the proceedings be sent to the family of each, with the assurance of our sympathetic regard.

Fraternally submitted,

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
GEORGE THORNBURGH,
J. M. HARKEY,
Committee.

The Grand Council was then called to refreshments until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Council was called to labor, M.·. I.·. Grand Master R. J. Laughlin presiding.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Companions G. J. Klock and F. W. Gregory acting as tellers, with the following result:

COMP.·. JOHN P. FARRAR ..... Grand Master
COMP.·. OMER J. SHORT ..... Deputy Grand Master
COMP.·. THOMAS M. HORSFALL ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
COMP.·. JOHN BRODIE ..... Grand Treasurer
COMP.·. JAMES A. HENRY ..... Grand Recorder
COMP.·. FRANK E. TAYLOR ..... Grand Chaplain
COMP.·. J. R. DONNELL ..... Grand Captain of the Guard
COMP.·. JOHN T. HICKS ..... Grand Conductor of Council
COMP.·. G. J. KLOCK ..... Grand Marshal
COMP.·. FRED W. GREGORY ..... Grand Steward
COMP.·. ED METCALF ..... Grand Sentinel

The officers elect were installed in their respective stations by M.·. I.·. Past Grand Master Thornburgh.

Companion Thornburgh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the usual appropriations be and the same are hereby made, for the usual necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

The following resolution was offered by Companion John J. Sumpter, which was adopted:

Resolved, That $5 be appropriated to pay the Grand Sentinel for services during this Assembly.

NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1897, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

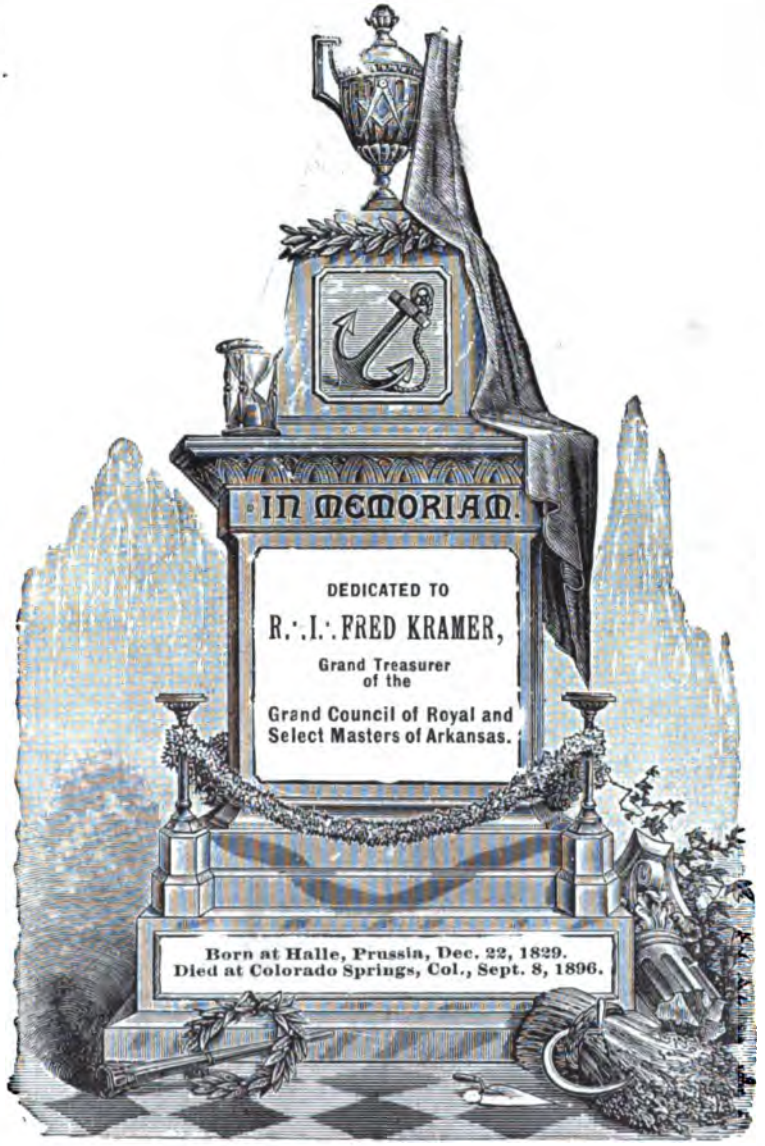
JOHN P. FARRAR,
Grand Master.

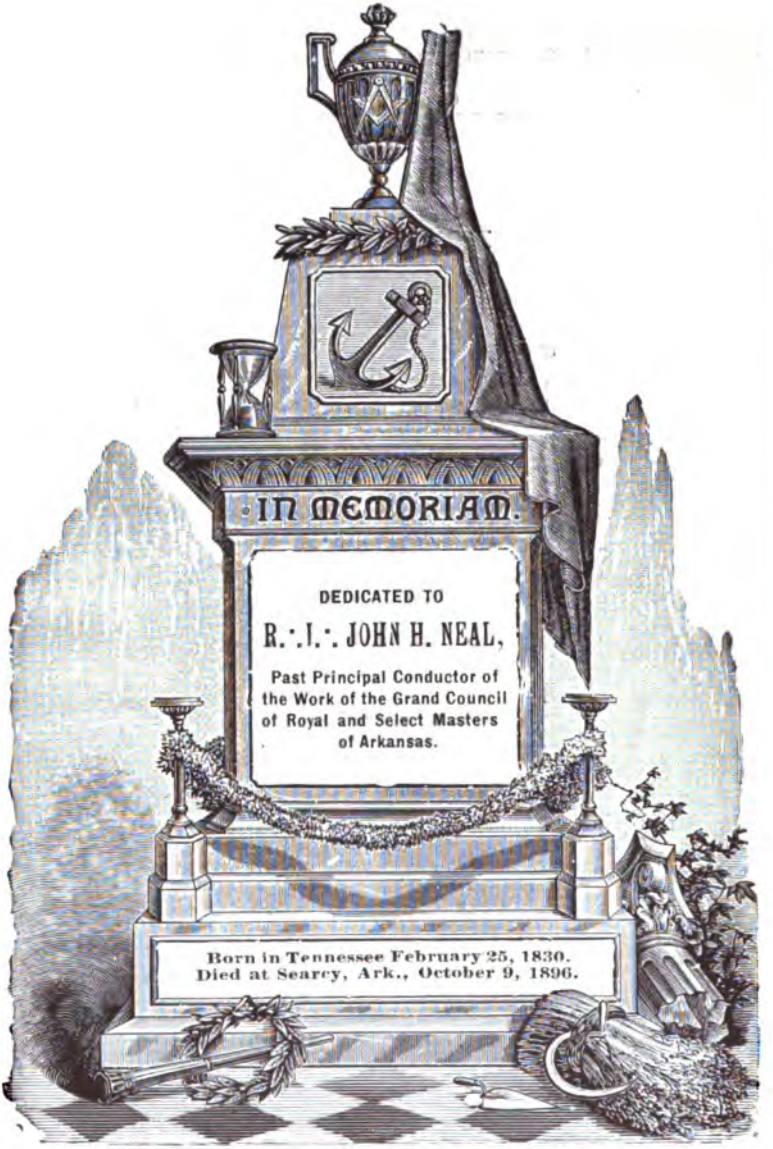
Attest:

JAMES A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX.

IN MEMORIAM.
DEDICATED TO
M.·.I.·.C. W. MILLARD,
Past Grand Master
of the
Grand Council of Royal and
Select Masters of Arkansas.
Born at Rochester, New York, 1812.
Died in Ashley County, Ark., May 14, 1896.


IN MEMORIAM.
DEDICATED TO
R.·.I.·. FRED KRAMER,
Grand Treasurer
of the
Grand Council of Royal and
Select Masters of Arkansas.
Born at Halle, Prussia, Dec. 22, 1829.
Died at Colorado Springs, Col., Sept. 8, 1896.


IN MEMORIAM.
DEDICATED TO
R.·.I.·. JOHN H. NEAL,
Past Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas.
Born in Tennessee February 25, 1830.
Died at Searcy, Ark., October 9, 1896.

TO THE MEMORY OF OUR COMPANIONS WHO ARE AT REST.

Council.	No.	Name.	Location.
Occidental	1	J. M. Pinnell	Little Rock.
Occidental	1	C. C. Nauck	Little Rock.
Occidental	1	H. L. Fletcher	Little Rock.
Occidental	1	W. L. Greenfield	Little Rock.
Occidental	1	Fred Kramer	Little Rock.
Searcy	12	J. W. Peterson	Searcy.
Searcy	12	J. W. Bradley	Searcy.
Searcy	12	John H. Neal	Searcy.
Sam W. Williams	32	Albert England	Lonoke.
Mystic	34	G. W. Martin	Eureka Springs.

GRAND COUNCILS R. AND S. M. SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1896.

Names of Councils.	Numbers.	Stated Meetings.	Received and Greeted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Number of Members.	Dues for 1896.	Paid.
Occidental	1	Second Friday in each month	3	....	....	5	1	....	..	....	47	$29 50	$29 50
	2		....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....
Osiris	5	Second Thursday in each month	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	21 50	....
Bentonville	6	Monday after full moon	2	..	....	..	1	....	....	..	17	12 50	12 50
Searcy	12	Third Monday in each month	4	1	..	3	....	....	....	....	16	12 00	12 00
English	14	Third Thursday in each month	7	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	46	33 50	33 50
	22		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hot Springs	23	Third Monday in each month	....	....	3	....	11	....	.	....	34	17 00	17 00
Marianna	25	Third Thursday in each month	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	44	36 00	36 00
Brilliant Star	27	First Monday in each month	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	17 50	....
Harrisburg	29	Fourth Wednesday in each month	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	19	9 50	....
Sam W. Williams	32	First Monday in each month	....	..	....	1	1	....	....	....	17	8 50	8 50
	33		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mystic	34	First Friday in each month	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	15	13 50	13 50
Totals	....		29	4	4	10	14	....	....	....	321	211 00	162 50

John Brodie as Grand Treasurer in Account with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:

1896		
	DR.	
Oct. 17.	To cash received from Kramer, deceased	$ 38.05
Nov. 9.	To cash received from Henry, Grand Recorder	39.15
Nov. 12.	To cash received from Henry, Grand Recorder	111.85
Nov. 17.	To cash received from Henry, Grand Recorder	73.50
Nov. 17.	To cash received from Henry, Grand Recorder	13.50
		$276.05
	CR.	
Nov. 9.	By cash to Dannelly, V-1	$ 9.65
Nov. 12.	By cash to Henry, V-5	60.25
	Balance on hand	206.15
		$276.05
Nov. 20.	To balance in hands of Treasurer	$206.15

Respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN BRODIE,

Grand Treasurer.

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	†Luke E. Barber	†E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	†R. L. Dodge	†E. H. English.
1861						
1862						
1863						
1864						
1865	†E. H. English	†A. J. Ward	†J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	†R. L. Dodge	†T. D. Merrick.
1866	E. H. English		†John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	†W. D. Blocher.
1867	†Harris Flanagin	†B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	†R. L. Dodge	†Louis George	W. D. Blocher.
1868	Harris Flanagin	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	†Fred Kramer	W. D. Blocher.
1869	†E. H. Whitfield	G. A. Dannelly	†M. L. Bell	†J. W. Jordan	†R. L. Dodge	†L. E. Barber.
1870	G. A. Dannelly	†John W. Jordan	†E. R. DuVal	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1871	†E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. P. Powell	†John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1872	E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1873	†James T. Stinton	†G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1874	†G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	†M. M. McGuire	C. W. Millard	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1875	†M. M McGuire	†E. R. DuVal	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Millner	R L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1876	C. W. Millerd	†J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	†J. W. Jordan	R. L Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1877	†J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	†G. H. Meade	L. E Barber.
1878	†J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	†G. H. Meade	L. E. Barber.
1879						
1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Lancelot Minor	C. H. Stone	J. M. Harkey	†G. H. Meade	†L. E. Barber.
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1883	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	†Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1884	James M. Harkey	†Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1885	†Logan H. Roots	†George L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1886	†George L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1887	George L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1888	D. D. Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1889	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed S. Carl Lee	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1890	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed S. Carl Lee	†Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1891	Charles N. Rix	Ed S. Carl Lee		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1892	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1893	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1894	John J. Sumpter	Antonio B. Grace		R. J. Laughlin	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1895	Antonio B Grace	R. J. Laughlin		†J. M. Pinnell	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1896	R. J. Laughlin	J. P. Farrar		Omer J. Short	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.

†Dead.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
Alabama		
Canada	T. M. Horsfall	Hazen.
California		
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida		
Georgia	John T. Marsh	Pine Bluff.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indiana	James M. Harkey	Russellville.
Kansas	C. N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Kentucky	George A. Dannelly	Searcy.
Louisiana	T. A. Baxter	Marianna.
Maine	R. L. Goodrich	Little Rock.
Maryland	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts	Lewis C. Hall	Dardanelle.
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Lancelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
Mississippi	J. P. Stanley	Pine Bluff.
New Hampshire	F. V. Whittlesey	Little Rock.
New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York	J. H. Kennerly	Sulph'r Rock.
Nebraska	Ed S. Carl Lee	Augusta.
North Carolina		
Oregon	A. B. Grace	Pine Bluff.
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	W. H. H. Clayton	Fort Smith.
Rhode Island	Geo. W. Skidmore	Little Rock.
Scotland		
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Tennessee	Charles N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	John J. Sumpter	Hot Springs.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
California	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
Dakota	Gilbert F. Stevenson	Yankton.
England and Wales	Rt. Hon. Henry James, Earl of Euston	8 Red Lion Square, [London.
Florida		
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illinois	George M. Gross	Chicago.
Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	D. F. Stafford	Alexandria.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland	C. C. Isaacs	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	George H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	Henry Mallison	Dunkirk.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina	W. A. Williams	Wilmington.
Ontario	J. P Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	William C. Crawford	Corvalis.
Ohio	George D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	A. S. Thomas	Charlotte.
Tennessee	Henry C Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.
Colorado	Thomas E. Shears	Denver.

GRAND RECORDERS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Grand Recorder	Residence.
Alabama	Adam R. Baker	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Canada	Sidney J. Stanford	Barrie, Ont.
Connecticut	James McCormick, 150 State St	Hartford.
England and Wales	C. F. Mattier, 3 and 4 Lincoln's Inn Fields	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gil W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	A. M. Callahan	Osborne.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	S. B. Spencer	Springfield.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Cold Water.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	L. L. Green	Passaic.
New York	George VanVliet, No. 16 Eighth avenue	New York.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina	Horace H. Morrison	Wilmington.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Oregon	Seth Pope	Portland.
Ohio	William E. Evans	Chillicothe.
Pennsylvania	Joshua L. Lytle	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	William R. Green	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown, Merchant Terrace	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	H. C. Hensley	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.

LIST OF COUNCILS

SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS,

AND

THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1896.

Occidental Council No. 1.—Little Rock, Pulaski County.

OFFICERS.

FAY HEMPSTEAD.....Th. Ill. M. ARTHUR C. JONES..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Akin, M. E.	Herren, Herman J.	Roots, P. K.
Arnold, E. J.	Henry, James A.	Ramsey, E. A.
Amis, W. S.	Hollenberg, F. B. T.	Richard, Julius
Butler, E. J.	Heiserman, A. M.	Skidmore, G. W.
Burrus, Henry H.	Jones, Thomas H.	Scott, John
Brodie, John	Kantrowitz, Charles	Sundholm, Aug.
Bigger, W. F.	Kothe, John	Smith, A. L.
Brownell, L. A.	Lester, R. A.	Sparling, William
Clark, George W.	Laster, J. H.	Thompson, W. J.
Chapple, James	McKey, W. J.	Thompson, Charles L.
Cambis, E.	Metcalf, Ed	Thompson, J. M.
Denie, M. R.	Morgan, J. E.	Thompson, Charles B.
Dillon, O. S.	Proudfoot, S. N.	Thornburgh, George
Gowdy, J. E.	Pollock, D. W.	Williams, S. W.
Goodrich, R. L.	Patterson, E. C.	Wolf, Isaac

Members, 47.

Osiris Council No. 5.—Fort Smith, Sebastian County.

OFFICERS.

C. C. AYRES .....Th. Ill. M. J. H. HAMILTON.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Atkinson, Ben. F.
Barnes, C. M.
Baer, Simon
Baer, Herman
Bocquin, C. F.
Bryant, E. E.
Bailey, W. W.
Beavers, M. M.
Clayton, W. H. H.
Clark, G. C.
Fuller, Aaron
Hays, H. J.
Hammitt, R. W.
Hall, Charles
Hill, J. M.
Klein, J. T.
Lyman, G. H.
Mellette, W. M.
McKenna, Ed
Mitchell, E. E.
Park, Frank
Perry, W. W.
Reutzel, Henry
Schulte, G. W.
Sample, W. A.
Vail, John
Wheeler, Stephen
Williams, J. F.
Young, D. J.

Members, 31.

Bentonville Council No. 6.—Bentonville, Benton County.

OFFICERS.

R. J. LAUGHLIN ..... Th. Ill. M. C. W. CLAPP ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Bates, George L.
Beach, B. S.
Burns, J. P.
Chastain, J. T.
Corley, R. N.
Kimmons, B. F.
Blake, T. T.
Mason, Joshua
Morgan, D. B.
Patten, W. F.
Stahl, S. F.
Sullivan, W. T.
Taliaferro, C. D.
Wall, E. B.
Wekerlin, H. J.

Members, 17.

Searcy Council No. 12.—Searcy, White County.

OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. DANNELLY.... Th. Ill. M. BEN ISBELL ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John W.
Bradley, J. W.
Babcock, James L.
Carter, W. B.
Canfield, L. G.
Critz, John G.
Cypert, Eugene
Edie, J. W.
George, C. S.
Hicks, John T.
Holland, John G.
Jones, W. A. B.
Marsh, John
Moyer, Theo.
McCauley, J. C.
McRae, D.
Milner, T. L.
Neal, John H.
Parks, David
Phillips, A. L.
Sewell, T. P.
Smith, E. A.
Waffer, Moses
Whitley, W. D.

Members, 26.

English Council No. 14.—Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

OFFICERS.

F. H. HEAD ..... Th. Ill. M. J. J. MOORE ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Blum, A.
Boyd, N.
Barrett, W. H.
Becker, F.
Cady, H. G.
Cook, N. L.
Clegg, J. L.
Case, M. L.
Culver, F. M.
Cabaness, C. E.
Fritz, L. V.
Finnie, A. L.
Grace, A. B.
Geisreiter, L.
Gorell, A. C.
Members, 46.

Green, T. J.
Hanson, H.
Holmes, N. D.
Hansboro, J. C.
Harris, C. O.
Kennon, T. W.
Marsh, J. T.
Mills, David S.
Mills, David I.
Moore, G. B.
Meyer, Gabe
Miller, Sol.
O'Connell, John
O'Neal, J. W.
Purdon, W. C.

Penrod, W. K.
Rucks, J. T.
Stephens, C. F.
Sorrells, T. F.
Stanley, J. P.
Trimble, D. L.
Toney, W. P.
Toney, W. L.
Vernon, W. J. D.
Weil, Charles
Wilson, T. J.
West, W. F.
Williams, I. W.
Watkins, J. H.

Hot Springs Council No. 23.—Hot Springs, Garland County.

OFFICERS.

O. J. SHORT ..... Th. Ill. M. W. H. C. BROADDUS ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Alford, J. W.
Blumensteil, A.
Bentz, P. S.
Babcock, W. L.
Collings, S. P.
Dixon, J. N.
Dake, Charles
Dake, F. B.
Eveland, C. O.
Fordyce, J. B.
Gregory, F. W.
Members, 34.

Hogaboom, Ed
Horner, J. S.
Jelks, J. T.
Jodd, M. H.
Kennedy, J. F.
Little, W. J.
Oden, A. F. B.
Rix, Charles N.
Smith, R. M.
Stevens, R. R.
Sithin, A. S.

Sumpter, John J.
Smith, Irving S.
Smith, Isaiah W.
Smiley, R. H.
Vaughan, H. R.
Varnadore, J. B.
Whittington, Alf.
Work, W. E.
Wright, W. W.
Watson, G. W.

Marianna Council No. 25—Marianna, Lee County.

OFFICERS.

PETER BRICKEY ..... Th. Ill. M. JOHN M. DAGGETT ..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Ake, Harry B.
Ake, Frank P.
Baxter, Thos. A.

Griffis, Rufus D.
Govan, Frank H.
Grove, Jas. B.

Moore, Pat C.
Morehead, R. C.
Martin, Geo. H.

Brown, James P.
Brickey, Gid R.
Bunch, Wm. J.
Cotter, Walter
Cochran, S. L.
Dunham, Jas. P.
Eggleston, Chas. L.
Forman, Robt. R.
Futrall, Thos. A.
Farrar, John P., Sr.
Garratt, John R.
Hays, John W.
Hassell, Harry
Hutton, H. N.
Johnston, Stephen
Jarratt, J. Ernest
Leary, J. E.
Lessor, Julius
McClintock, R. O.
McCulloch, Edwin A.
McCulloch, Philip D.
McVeigh, Hugh R.
McClendon, A. A.
Northern, P. E.
Plummer, John A.
Ragland, Ed D.
Robertson, James
Shaul, Jacob
Slaughter, Lon
Townsberry, Jared D.
Turley, Ellis.
Wilson, Curtis A.
Whitsett, John P.

Members, 44.

Brilliant Star Council No. 27—Dardanelle, Yell County.

OFFICERS.

L. C. HALL ....Th. Ill. M. R. C. BULLOCK .. ..Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Boles, Thomas
Bullock, J. T.
Cox, Thomas
Evans, W. W.
Gee, Wm. H.
Harkey, J. M.
Heck, J. B.
Hogins, R. B.
Jones, W. H.
Leming, E., Jr.
Madenwald, A.
Morgan, R. L.
Morrow, W. B.
Mourning, D. M.
Murphy, M. J.
McCargo, J. H.
McKenzie, A. H.
Pound, J. W.
Russell, J. W.
Smith, L. M.
Welch, L. W.
Whittlesey, F. V.
Wilder, A. W.
Wooten, W. P.

Members, 26.

Sam Williams Council No. 32—Lonoke, Lonoke County.

OFFICERS.

T. M. HORSFALL.....Th. Ill. M. T. C. TRIMBLE .... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Boone, D. R.
Bradford, H. T.
Clements, J. F.
Corn, B. W.
Cumming, J. R.
Doyne, J. J.
Dempsey, W. E.
England, J. C.
Goodrum, C.
House, M. C.
Sibley, Geo.
Tygart, T. J.
Wheat, Pat H., Sr.
Wheat, Pat H., Jr.

Members, 16.

Mystic Council No. 34.—Eureka Springs, Carroll County.

OFFICERS.

A. G. McKNIGHT..... Th. Ill. M. F. H. BADGER..... Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Butts, Jacob
Bolton, J. B.
Clark, O. M.
Dickens, W. T.
Dickens, John H.
Fancher, J. P.
Folck, J. E.
Humphreys, T. C.
Hawley, T. F.
Johnson, B. F.
Klock, G. J.
Massey, E. L.
Williams, B.

Members, 15.

Address of Grand Master:

JOHN P. FARRAR,

CLIFTON.

Address of Grand Recorder:

JAMES AUSTIN HENRY,

LITTLE ROCK.

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1897, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge, by the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

Royal and Select Masters.

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GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF ARKANSAS,

For the Year Ending October 1, 1898.

M.·. I.·. OMER J. SHORT, Hot Springs.....Grand Master.

R.·. I.·. THOMAS M. HORSFALL, Hazen.....Deputy Grand Master.

R.·. I.·. J. R. DONNELL, Conway.....Principal Conductor of Work.

R.·. I.·. JOHN BRODIE, Little Rock.....Grand Treasurer.

R.·. I.·. JAMES A. HENRY, Little Rock.....Grand Recorder.

R.·. I.·. REV. FRANCIS E. TAYLOR, Argenta.....Grand Chaplain.

R.·. I.·. JOHN T. HICKS, Searcy.....Grand Captain of Guard.

R.·. I.·. G. J. KLOCK, Eureka Springs....Grand Conductor of Council.

R.·. I.·. R. M. SMITH, Hot Springs.....Grand Marshal.

I.·. S. D. DODGE, Little Rock.....Grand Steward.

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The Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Arkansas, met at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday the 18th day of November, A. D. 1897, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT.

M.·. I.·. JOHN P. FARRAR, Clifton.....Grand Master.
R.·. I.·. OMER J. SHORT, Hot Springs.....Deputy Grand Master.
R.·. I.·. T. M. HORSFALL, Hazen, Grand Principal Conductor of Work.
R.·. I.·. JOHN BRODIE, Little Rock.....Grand Treasurer.
R.·. I.·. JAMES A. HENRY, Little Rock.....Grand Recorder.
R.·. I.·. F. E. TAYLOR, Little Rock.....Grand Chaplain.
R.·. I.·. J. R. DONNELL, Conway.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
R.·. I.·. JOHN T. HICKS, Searcy.....Grand Conductor of Council.
R.·. I.·. G. J. KLOCK, Eureka Springs.....Grand Marshal.
I.·. R. M. SMITH, Hot Springs.....As Grand Steward.
I.·. EDMUND METCALF, Little Rock.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. DANNELLY.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
GEORGE THORNBURGH.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
FAY HEMPSTEAD.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
CHARLES N. RIX.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN J. SUMPTER.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
A. B. GRACE.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN P. FARRAR.....Past M. I. Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

COMP.·. CHARLES N. RIX, Grand Council of Kansas.
COMP.·. JAMES A. HENRY, Grand Council of Connecticut.
COMP.·. GEORGE A. DANNELLY, Grand Council of Kentucky.
COMP.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Council of Maryland.
COMP.·. GEORGE THORNBURGH, Grand Council of Illinois.
COMP.·. JAMES H. VAN HOOSE, Grand Council of New Jersey.
COMP.·. ANTONIO B. GRACE, Grand Council of Oregon.
COMP.·. T. M. HORSFALL, Grand Council of Canada.
COMP.·. G. W. SKIDMORE, Grand Council of Rhode Island.
COMP.·. SAM W. WILLIAMS, Grand Council of Michigan.

There being a constitutional number present, the Grand Council proceeded to business.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master announced the following committees:

On Jurisprudence—Companions Sam W. Williams, George Thornburgh, Fay Hempstead, George A. Dannelly, Chas. N. Rix, R. J. Laughlin, and A. B. Grace.

On Credentials and Returns—Companions J. H. Dickens and R. M. Smith.

On Charters and Dispensations—Companions John T. Hicks and J. R. Donnell.

On Treasurer's and Recorder's Books—Companions G. J. Klock and W. L. Babcock.

On Memorials of the Dead—Companions Fay Hempstead, Jno. T. Hicks, and F. E. Taylor.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companion Antonio B. Grace.

The M.·. I.·. Grand Master then delivered his annual address:

Illustrious Companions:

The sound of the silver trumpet again calls us from rest to labor. Through the loving kindness of an ever guarding Providence, we are again permitted to meet to transact business, not simply for time, but for eternity. And may God grant that here and elsewhere we may so work, so live, that when we are called upon to lay down our working tools and cross the mystic river, and our fevered faces feel the breath of the eternal morning, our work may pass the Master Overseer's square, and that we may indeed find that light which emanates alone from the Grand Orient.

We humbly thank the Great Grand Master above for the blessings he has granted to us, and while the Grim Monster has entered our secret vault and borne to the great beyond some of our best loved Companions, many of us still have the happy privilege of meeting together again and greeting one another with that hearty handshake that so much cheers a brother, and while thanking God for our immunity this year from the pestilence that has so sadly afflicted some of our sister States, we extend to the Companions of those States our heartfelt fraternal sympathy.

I have heard of no disturbance among the Companions, and no questions have been submitted to me for my decision. There have been no new Councils organized and no great increase in numbers, but I am not pessimistic enough to believe that this seeming apathy, this quietness all along the line, augurs ill for the Craft. The past two years have been years of great depression in business matters and one great cause of our own want of advancement and increase in both Councils and numbers.

About the first of the year I wrote to the Royal Arch Masons in nearly every part of the State where there was a Royal Arch Chapter but no Council, asking if they could not organize a Council. Those who replied seemed anxious enough,

but stated that money matters were so stringent that they could do nothing. The Cryptic degrees being the capstone of Ancient Freemasonry, we should be more zealous in encouraging Royal Arch Masons to take those degrees. They, not knowing their real importance and beauty, and in their haste to get the Chivalric Orders, more especially the younger Companions, pay but little attention to these degrees, viewing them as mere appendages, or side shows. It would be better for the Craft and for the parties themselves if these degrees, as well as the Royal Arch degree, were made a prerequisite to the Commandery Orders.

Seldom do we get a Grand Master financially able to visit the Councils all over the State, and it might be well to require the Grand Master—it is his duty anyhow—to visit each Subordinate Council, either in person or by proxy, and the Subordinate Council to pay the actual expenses of such visit. Not being able myself to visit many of the Councils, I departed from the custom heretofore in practice. I divided the State into three districts, assigning the southern and southwestern part of the State to D. I. M. Short, the central and northwestern part to P. C. W. Horsfall, and I took the eastern and northeastern part. And I requested those Companions to visit all the Councils in their respective districts, if practicable and render to them such aid and encouragement as was in their power to do. Companion Short reports that he has visited only Hot Springs Council No. 23, and that that Council was in good condition, doing its work well. Companion Horsfall reports that he had visited Occidental No. 1, and Sam Williams No. 32, both of which were doing well. I had a chance to visit only Searcy No. 12, and Marianna No. 25. Both are holding their own and received me right cordially.

In September last we lost by death our most genial and whole-souled Companion, P. M. I. G. M. Jas. M. Harkey. A loved and honored brother has fallen, but like a true soldier, he fell with his armor on. He died at his post. I suggest that a

memorial page in our proceedings, with a suitable inscription thereon, be set apart to his memory.

In February last Companion T. A. Baxter, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Louisiana near this Grand Council, passed from among us. In respect to the Grand Council of Louisiana, as well as our regard for Companion Baxter, I suggest that a page be set apart to his memory.

But recently was announced the death of Companion R. L. Goodrich. I recommend that a page in our proceedings be suitably inscribed to his memory.

In February last I recommended the appointment of Companion J. A. Plummer, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Louisiana near this Grand Council, vice Companion T. A. Baxter, deceased.

On July 16 I recommended the reappointment of Companion A. B. Grace as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Oregon near this Grand Council.

On October 4 I recommended the appointment of Companion Jno. T. Hicks, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Indiana near this Grand Council, vice Companion Jas. M. Harkey, deceased.

On November 9 I recommended the reappointment of Companion W. W. Garland as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near this Grand Council.

On January 7 I granted a dispensation to Occidental Council No. 1 to elect and install officers, they having failed to do so at the regular time.

In August I received notice from Companion H. W. Mordhurst, General Grand Secretary, of the meeting of the General Grand Council of the United States at the city of Baltimore on October 11, 1897. Not being able to attend, I sent my proxy to our Illustrious Companion, Jas. A. Henry, and asked him to represent this Grand Council in that Grand Body.

In conclusion, I tender my most sincere thanks to the Companions who so generously conferred upon me the honor of

Grand Master, and who have since so patiently and kindly aided me and held me up in the discharge of my duties. And now, in surrendering the gavel to my successor, I must say that, while I may not have filled the position with that honor to myself and profit to the Craft that I should, I have done the best I could, and I feel that I have cast no dishonor upon the exalted station to which you elevated me. And with a heart overflowing with zeal for the cause and love for the brethren, my earnest prayer shall be that when life's fitful dream is past, and our last parting shall have taken place, we may all meet in that glorious "over there" in that tabernacle "not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN P. FARRAR,

M. I. G. M.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Credentials and Returns, beg leave to report that we find fourteen Councils on the roll, nine of which are represented, and five which are not represented.

We also find that Adoniram No. 2, has made no returns or paid dues since 1895. Augusta No. 22, has made no report or paid dues since 1895. Osiris No. 5, has made returns but paid no dues since 1894. Harrisburg No. 29, has made returns but paid no dues since 1893. We also find that Brilliant Star has made returns but paid no dues for 1897.

We also find the following are entitled to seats in this Grand Council, viz:

GRAND OFFICERS.

COMP.·. JOHN P. FARRAR.....Grand Master.
COMP.·. OMER J. SHORT.....Deputy Grand Master.
COMP.·. T. M. HORSFALL.....Grand Principal Conductor of Work.
COMP.·. JOHN BRODIE.....Grand Treasurer.
COMP.·. JAMES A. HENRY.....Grand Recorder.
COMP.·. FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.....Grand Chaplain.
COMP.·. J. R. DONNELL .....Grand Captain of the Guard.
COMP.·. JOHN T. HICKS.....Grand Conductor of Council.
COMP.·. G. J. KLOCK.....Grand Marshal.
COMP.·. EDMUND METCALF.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST OFFICERS.

GEORGE A. DANNELLY .....Past M. I. Grand Master.
SAM W. WILLIAMS .....Past M. I. Grand Master.
GEORGE THORNBURGH .....Past M. I. Grand Master.
FAY HEMPSTEAD .....Past M. I. Grand Master.
CHARLES N. RIX .....Past M. I. Grand Master.
R. J. LAUGHLIN .....Past M. I. Grand Master.
ANTONIO B. GRACE .....Past M. I. Grand Master.

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. MASTERS.

ASSEMBLY 1897.

Name of Councils.	*Representatives.*
OCCIDENTAL No. 1	Fay Hempstead, T. Ill. M.
BENTONVILLE No. 6	R. J. Laughlin, T. Ill. M.
SEARCY No. 12	J. L. Babcock, T. Ill. M.
ENGLISH No. 14	A. B. Grace, proxy for T. Ill. M.
HOT SPRINGS No. 23	R. M. Smith, T. Ill. M.
MARIANNA No. 25	John P. Farrar, proxy for T. Ill. M.
CENTRAL No. 33	J. S. Westerfield, proxy for T. Ill. M.
MYSTIC No. 34	Jno. A. Dickens, proxy for T. Ill. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DICKENS,
ROBT. M. SMITH,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S AND RECORDER'S BOOKS.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Recorder's Books made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

We, your Committee on Treasurer's and Recorder's Books, have made examination of the accounts of those officers, and beg to submit the following:

We find that the Grand Recorder has received from Subordinate Councils the sum of $153, for which he holds Treasurer's vouchers.

We find that the Grand Treasurer has received from all sources $371.65, including balance on hand last report, and that he has paid out $135.75 as per vouchers Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, leaving balance on hand, $235.90.

Respectfully submitted,

G. J. KLOCK,
J. R. DONNELL.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence fraternally report that nothing has been referred to us for consideration, which we regard as complimentary to the wisdom of the officers of the Subordinate Councils.

G. A. DANNELLY,
GEO. THORNBURGH,
FAY HEMPSTEAD,
A. B. GRACE,
R. J. LAUGHLIN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS OF THE DEAD.

The Committee on Memorials of the Dead presented the following report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes, to-wit:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Arkansas, R. and S. M.:

Your Committee on Memorials of the Dead, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master as relates to the death of Illustrious Companion James M. Harkey, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council, and of Companion Ralph L. Goodrich, having now considered the same, beg leave to present the following report:

The death of Illustrious Companion Harkey removes from our midst one of our most zealous and devoted members. We have not failed at any meeting of this Grand Council in many years to see his familiar face and to receive his kindly greeting; but to-day we behold his place among us vacant, and it saddens us to know that his voice is hushed forever. How often has that voice been heard in our convocations counseling wisely; how often has it been eloquent in advocating the cause of whatever was just and right. Companion Harkey was distinguished among men for his plain, straightforward earnestness, and through it he left an indelible impress on the affairs of Masonry in this Jurisdiction, and in it on Cryptic Masonry in an especial degree. He served this Grand Council in many important capacities up to that of Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1884, in which office he conducted the affairs of this Grand Council with wisdom and success. May his memory long be cherished for the good that he did, and his name continue to be the household word it was among us in the days of his life.

In the death of Companion Ralph L. Goodrich, which has been fittingly referred to by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masonry has sustained the loss of one of its most scholarly and erudite members, one whose learning and mental endowments were such as to

adorn any circle in which they might be placed. He was a profound student of life-long application, and the fruits of the knowledge that he thus obtained had won for him a name and a fame which not only existed in the place of his residence, but which extended into the wider circles of the outer world of this nation, and even found recognition in foreign lands. Such researches as Cryptic Masonry afforded were precisely to his liking, and he pursued his investigations therein with thoroughness and ardor. At the time of his death, and for some time prior, he was Deputy Illustrious Master of Occidental Council No. 1, and in the labors of that Council he took an active part.

We recommend that a memorial page be set apart in our minutes to the memory of each of these Companions, and that a copy of the minutes be sent to the family of each of these Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
R. J. LAUGHLIN,
F. E. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Companion G. J. Klock offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Occidental Council No. 1, be authorized to confer the Council degrees upon Companion F. M. Campbell, of Mystic Council No. 34, at the request of said Council.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, Companions John T. Hicks and Fay Hempstead acting as tellers, with the following result, viz:

COMP.·. OMER J. SHORT.....Grand Master.
COMP.·. THOMAS M. HORSFALL.....Deputy Grand Master.
COMP.·. J. R. DONNELL.....Principal Conductor of Work.
COMP.·. JOHN BRODIE.....Grand Treasurer.
COMP.·. JAMES A. HENRY.....Grand Recorder.
COMP.·. REV. FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.....Grand Chaplain.
COMP.·. JOHN T. HICKS.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
COMP.·. G. J. KLOCK.....Grand Conductor of Council.
COMP.·. R. M. SMITH.....Grand Marshal.
COMP.·. S. D. DODGE.....Grand Steward.
COMP.·. EDMUND METCALF.....Grand Sentinel.

The officers-elect were installed in their respective stations by M.·. I.·. Past Grand Master Thornburgh.

Companion Thornburgh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the usual appropriations be and the same are hereby made, for the usual necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

R. J. Laughlin presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That one-half of the dues of Central Council for the past three years be remitted.

Companion Fay Hempstead offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the suspension of a Companion in a Royal Arch Chapter for nonpayment of dues only, shall not work a forfeiture of his membership in any Council in this Jurisdiction.

Little Rock, Ark., November 22, 1897.

James A. Henry, Grand Recorder Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Arkansas:

Companion—Occidental Council No. 1, R. and S. M., at a special assembly held in Masonic Temple, Little Rock, Ark., November 19, 1897, 2 p. m., conferred the R. & S. and S. E. M. degrees upon Companion F. M. Campbell, at the request of Mystic Council No. 34, of Eureka Springs, Ark., and under authorization of the Grand Council of Arkansas, then in session.

Fraternally,

(Seal.) S. D. DODGE.

Recorder Occidental Council No. 1, R. and S. M.

NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1898, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

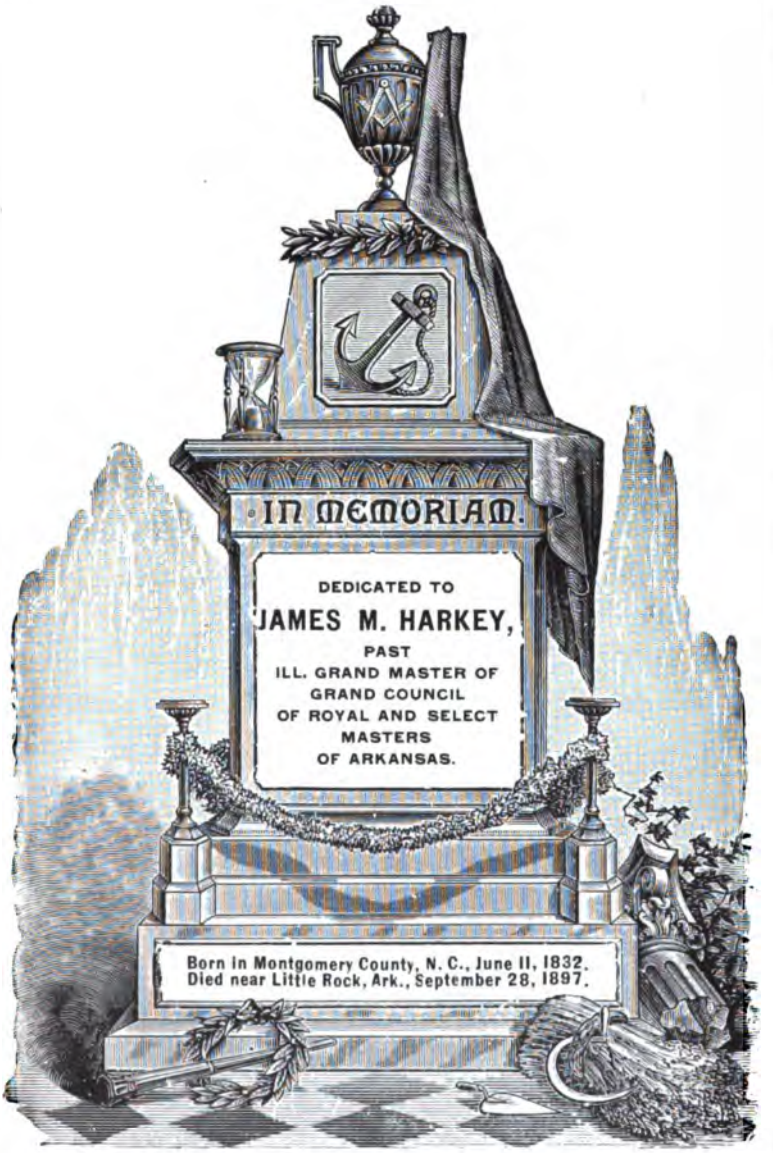
There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

OMER J. SHORT,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES A. HENRY,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX


IN MEMORIAM.
DEDICATED TO
JAMES M. HARKEY,
PAST
ILL. GRAND MASTER OF
GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASTERS
OF ARKANSAS.
Born in Montgomery County, N. C., June 11, 1832.
Died near Little Rock, Ark., September 28, 1897.

TO THE MEMORY OF OUR COMPANIONS WHO ARE AT REST.

Council.	No.	Name.	Location.
Osiris	5	Stephen Wheeler	Fort Smith.
Bentonville	6	C. D. Taliaferro	Bentonville.
Searcy	12	J. W. Bradley	Searcy.
Searcy	12	John H. Neal	Searcy.
Hot Springs	23	George W. Watson	Hot Springs.
Marianna	25	T. A. Baxter	Marianna.
Dardanelle	27	James M. Harkey	Russellville.
Central	33	M. E. Moore	Conway.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
Alabama	John T. Hicks	Searcy.
Canada	T. M. Horsfall	Hazen.
California	Gaylord J. Klock	Eureka Springs.
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida	F. H. Badger	Eureka Springs.
Georgia	John T. Marsh	Pine Bluff.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indian Territory	R. M. Smith	Hot Springs.
Indiana	S. P. Collings	Hot Springs.
Kansas	C. N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Kentucky	George A. Dannelly	Searcy.
Louisiana	Jno. A. Plummer	Marianna.
Maine	John P. Farrar	Clifton.
Maryland	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts	Lewis C. Hall	Dardanelle.
Michigan	Sam W. Williams	Little Rock.
Minnesota	Lancelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
Mississippi	J. P. Stanley	Pine Bluff.
New Hampshire	John Brodie	Little Rock.
New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York	J. H. Kennerly	Sulphur Rock.
Nebraska	Ed S. Carl Lee	Augusta.
North Carolina	J. R. Donnell	Conway.
Oregon	A. B. Grace	Pine Bluff.
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	A. S. Sithen	Hot Springs.
Rhode Island	Geo. W. Skidmore	Little Rock.
Scotland	A. G. McKnight	Eureka Springs.
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	James Chapple	Little Rock.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
California	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Colorado	Thomas E. Shears	Denver.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
Dakota	Gilbert F. Stevenson	Yankton.
England and Wales	Rt. Hon. Henry James, Earl of	8 Red Lion
Florida		[Euston [Square, London.
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illinois	George M. Gross	Chicago.
Indian Territory	Leo E. Bennett	Muskogee.
Indiana	Henry W Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	D. F. Stafford	Alexandria.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland	C. C. Isaacs	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Samuel B. Spooner	Springfield.
Michigan	George H. Stephenson	St. John.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic Bridge.
New York	Henry Mallison	Dunkirk.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina	W. A. Williams	Wilmington.
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	William C. Crawford	Corvalis.
Ohio	George D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	A. S. Thomas	Charleston.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

PAY ROLL GRAND COUNCIL.

John P. Farrar, M. I. G. M. $2.00
Omer J. Short, D. I. G. M. 2.00
Thomas M. Horsfall, G. P. C. of W. 2.00
John Brodie, Grand Treasurer 2.00
James A. Henry, Grand Recorder 2.00
Francis E. Taylor, Grand Chaplain 2.00
J. R. Donnell, C. of G. 2.00
John T. Hicks, C. of C. 2.00
G. J. Klock, Grand Marshal 2.00
Ed Metcalf, Grand Sentinel 2.00

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Sam W. Williams, P. G. M. $2.00
George A. Dannelly, P. G. M. 2.00
George Thornburgh, P. G. M. 2.00
Fay Hempstead, P. G. M. 2.00
R. J. Laughlin, P. G. M. 2.00
A. B. Grace, P. G. M. 2.00

REPRESENTATIVES.

J. L. Babcock, Searcy No. 12 ..... $2.00
Robt. M. Smith, Hot Springs No. 23 ..... 2.00
J. S. Westerfield, Central No. 33 ..... 2.00
John H. Dickens, Mystic No. 34 ..... 2.00

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS UNDER GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

ARKANSAS—James A. Henry.....Little Rock.
CALIFORNIA—Thomas H. Caswell.....San Francisco.
FLORIDA—John Carlovitz.....Milton.
GEORGIA—W. A. Wollhin.....Macon.
INDIANA—William H. Smythe.....Indianapolis.
INDIAN TERRITORY—J. S. Murrow.....Atoka.
KANSAS—A. M. Callahan.....Topeka.
LOUISIANA—Richard Lambert.....New Orleans.
MAINE—Stephen Berry.....Portland.
MARYLAND—George L. McCahan.....Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS—Serenus Bowen.....28 School Street, Boston.
MINNESOTA—Thomas Montgomery.....Minneapolis.
MISSOURI—Wm. H. Mayo.....St. Louis.
NEW HAMPSHIRE—George P. Cleaves.....Concord.
NEW YORK—George H. Van Vliet. Cor. West and Bethune Sts., N. Y.
OHIO—Wm. E. Evans.....Chillicothe.
OREGON—Seth L. Pope.....Portland.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Zimmerman Davis.....Charleston.
TENNESSEE—Wm. A. Clendenning.....Nashville.
VERMONT—Warren G. Reynolds.....Burlington.
WASHINGTON—Edward R. Hare.....Tacoma.

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

ALABAMA—H. Clay Armstrong.....Montgomery.
COLORADO—Thomas E. Shears.....Denver.
CONNECTICUT—James McCormick.....Hartford.
ILLINOIS—Gilbert W. Barnard.....Chicago.
KENTUCKY—Lorenzo D. Croninger.....Covington.
MICHIGAN—Jefferson S. Conover.....Coldwater.
MISSISSIPPI—John L. Power.....Jackson.
NEW JERSEY—Charles Bechtel.....Trenton.
NORTH CAROLINA—James Munds.....Wilmington.
PENNSYLVANIA—Joshua L. Lyte.....Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND—William R. Green.....Providence.
WISCONSIN—John W. Laflin.....Milwaukee.

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

CANADA—J. Ross Robinson.....Toronto.
ENGLAND AND WALES—Charles T. Mattier..Great Queen St., London, W. C.
NEW BRUNSWICK—Robert Marshall.....St. Johns.
SCOTLAND—Robert S. Brown.....3 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburg.

LIST OF COUNCILS

SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS,

AND

THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1897.

Occidental Council No. 1.—Little Rock, Pulaski County.

OFFICERS.

Fay Hempstead.....T. Ill. M.
Arthur C. Jones .....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Akin, M. E.
Arnold, E. J.
Amis, W. S.
Burrus, Henry H.
Brodie, John
Bigger, W. F.
Brownell, L. A.
Clark, George W.
Chapple, James
Cambis, E.
Denie, M. R.
Dillon, O. S.
Dodge, S. D.
Gowdy, J. E.
Herren, Herman J.
Henry, James A.
Hollenberg, F. B. T.
Heiseman, A. M.
Jones, Thomas H.
Kantorowicz, Charles
Kidd, F. W.
Kothe, John
Lester, R. A.
Laster, J. H.
McKee, W. J.
Metcalf, Ed
Morgan, J. E.
Proudfoot, S. N.
Pollock, D. W.
Patterson, E. C.
Roots, P. K.
Ramsey, E. A.
Richard, Julius
Skidmore, G. W.
Scott, John
Stainback, L. A.
Sundholm, Aug.
Smith, A. L.
Sparling, William
Thompson, W. J.
Thompson, Charles L.
Thompson, J. M.
Thompson, Charles B.
Thornburgh, George
Williams, S. W.
Wolf, Isaac

Members, 48.

Osiris Council No. 5.—Fort Smith, Sebastian County.

OFFICERS.

C. C. Ayres.....T. Ill. M.
J. H. Hamilton.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Alford, L. M.
Atkinson, Ben. F.
Baer, Herman
Bocquin, C. F.
Bryant, E. E.
Bailey, W. W.
Clayton, W. H. H.
Clark, G. C.
Fuller, Aaron
Hall, Charles
Hill, J. M.
Klein, J. T.
Lyman, G. H.
Mellette, W. M.
McKenna, Ed
Mitchell, E. E.
McNamara, P. J.
Morgan, G. O.
Park, Frank
Reutzel, Henry
Schulte, G. W.
Vail, John
Williams, J. F.
Young, D. J.

Members, 26.

Bentonville Council No. 6.—Bentonville, Benton County.

OFFICERS.

R. J. Laughlin.....T. Ill. M.
Geo. L. Bates.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Beach, B. S.
Chastain, J. T.
Corley, R. N.
Kimmons, B. F.
Mason, Joshua
Morgan, D. B.
Patten, W. F.
Stahl, S. F.
Sullivan, W. T.
Wall, E. B.
Wekerlin, H. J.

Members, 13.

Searcy Council No 12.—Searcy, White County.

OFFICERS.

George A. Dannelly.....T. Ill. M.
Eugene Cypert.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, John W.
Babcock, James L.
Carter, W. B.
Canfield, L. G.
Critz, John G.
Edie, J. W.
George, C. S.
Hicks, John T.
Holland, John G.
Jones, W. A. B.
Marsh, John A.
Moyer, Theo.
McCauley, J. C.
McRae, D.
Isbell, Ben
Milner, T. L.
Parks, David
Phillips, A. L.
Sewell, T. P.
Smith, E. A.
Waffer, Moses
Whitley, W. D.

Members, 24.

English Council No. 14.—Pine Bluff, Jefferson Coun y.

OFFICERS.

F. H. Head.....T. Ill. M.
J. J. Moore.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Blum, A.	Holmes, N. D.	Hannah, J. R.
Boyd, N.	Hansboro, J. C.	Marsh, Elmo
Becker, F.	Harris, C. O.	Puddephat. C. H.
Clegg, J. L.	Kennon, T. W.	Sorrells, T. F.
Case, M. L.	Marsh, J. T.	Stanley, J. P.
Culver, F. M.	Mills, David S.	Toney, W. P.
Cabaness, C. E.	Mills, David I.	Toney, W. L.
Fritz, L. J. V.	Moore, G. B.	Troupe, A. W.
Finnie, A. L.	Meyer, Gabe	Vernon, W. J. D.
Grace, A. B.	Miller, Sol.	Weil, Charles
Geisreiter, L.	O'Connell, John	Wilson, T. J.
Gorell, A. C.	O'Neal, J. W.	West, W. F.
Green, T. J.	Purdon, W. C.	Williams, J. W.
Hanson, H.	Hawley, J. H.	Watkins, J. H. H.

Members, 44.

Hot Springs Council No. 23.—Hot Springs, Garland County

OFFICERS.

R. M. Smith.....T. Ill. M.
W. H. C. Broaddus.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Alford, J. W.	Gregory, F. W.	Rix, Charles N.
Babcock, W. L.	Henderson, M. J.	Short, O. J.
Bentz, P. S.	Hogaboom, Ed	Sithin, A. S.
Blumensteil, A.	Jelks, J. T.	Smiley, R. H.
Collings, H. P.	Judd, M. H.	Smith, Irving S.
Collings, S. P.	Kennedy, J. F.	Smith, Isaiah W.
Cook, G. B.	Little, W. J.	Stevens, R. R.
Dake, Charles	Little, W. W.	Varnadore, J. B.
Dake, F. B.	McCulloch, C. C.	Vaughan, H. R.
Dixon, J. N.	Mooney, J. W.	Whittington, Alf.
Eveland, C. O.	Oden, A. F. B.	Work, W. E.
Fordyce, J. B.	Ritzins, H. P.	Wright, W. W.
Gaines, E. P.		

Members, 39.

Marianna Council No. 25.—Marianna, Lee County.

OFFICERS.

J. A. Plummer.....T. Ill. M.
John M. Daggett.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Ake, Frank P.
Ake, Harry B.
Baxter, Thos. A.
Brickey, Gid R.
Brickey, Peter
Brown, James P.
Bunch, Wm. J.
Cochran, S. L.
Cotter, Walter
Dunham, Jas. P.
Eggleston, Chas. L.
Farrar, John P., Sr.
Forman, Robt. R.
Futrall, Thos. A.
Griffis, Rufus D.
Govan, Frank H.
Grove, Jas. B.
Hassall, Harry
Hays, John W.
Hutton, H. N.
Jarratt, J. Ernest
Johnston, Stephen D.
Leary, J. E.
Lessor, Julius
Martin, Geo. H.
McClendon, A. A.
McClintock, R. O.
McCulloch, Edwin A.
McVeigh, Hugh R.
Moore, Pat C.
Morehead, R. C.
Northern, P. E.
Ragland, Ed D.
Robertson, James
Shaul, Jacob
Slaughter, Lon
Turley, Ellis
Whitsett, John P.
Woodin, Foster H.

Members, 41.

Brilliant Star Council No. 27 —Dardanelle, Yell County.

OFFICERS.

R. C. Bullock.....T. Ill. M.
Jos. W. Pound.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Boles, Thomas
Bullock, J. T.
Cox, Thomas
Evans, W. W.
Gee, Wm. H.
Hall, L. C.
Heck, J. B.
Hogins, R. B.
Jones, W. H.
Leming, E., Jr.
Madenwald, A.
McCargo, J. H.
McKenzie, A. H.
Morgan, R. L.
Morrow, W. B.
Mourning, D. M.
Murphy, M. J.
Russell, J. W.
Smith, L. M.
Welch, L. W.
Whittlesey, F. V.
Wilder, A. W.
Wooten, W. P.

Members, 25.

Harrisburg Council No. 29.—Harrisburg, Poinsett County.

OFFICERS.

E. L. Jacobs.....T. Ill. M.
J. Logan Smith.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Ainsworth, Wm.	Gant, J. B.	Kennedy, W. M.
Campbell, J. M.	Griffin, A. C.	Minton, W. T.
Clark, G. A.	Harris, B. F.	Minton, J. S.
Ford, R. M.	Harris, Cliff.	Sparks, Thos. B.
Freeman, Foster	Houghton, H. H.	Wyse, Thomas H.
Gant, J. G.	Howser, A.	

Members, 19.

Sam Williams Council No. 32.—Lonoke, Lonoke County.

OFFICERS.

T. M. Horsfall.....T. Ill. M.
T. C. Trimble.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Boone, D. R.	Daniel, Dan	House, M. C.
Bradford, H. T.	Dempsey, W. E.	Sibley, Geo.
Clements, J. F.	Doyne, J. J.	Tygart, T. J.
Corn, B. W.	England, J. C.	Wheat, Pat H., Jr.
Cumming, J. R.	Goodrum, C.	Wheat, Pat H., Sr.

Members, 17.

Central Council No. 33. - Conway, Faulkner County.

OFFICERS.

G. D. Dickerson.....T. Ill. M.
J. S. Westerfield.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Dickens, A. J.	Hamilton, J. W.	McKaskle, W. F.
Dickens, J. J.	Jones, J. S.	Sutton, J. B.
Dobbins, W. K.	Kincheloe, J. F.	Witt, A. J.
Donnell, J. R.	Little, J. E.	

Members, 13.

Mystic Council No. 34.—Eureka Springs, Carroll County.

OFFICERS.

O. M. Clark.....T. Ill. M.
T. F. Hawley.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Badger, F. H.
Badger, L. P.
Butts, Jacob
Bolton, J. B.
Dickens, W. T.
Dickens, John H.
Fancher, J. P.
Folck, J. E.
Humphreys, T. C.
McKnight, A. G.
Johnson, B. F.
Klock, G. J.
Massey, E. L.
Williams, B.

Members, 16.

Address of Grand Master:

OMER J. SHORT,

HOT SPRINGS.

Address of Grand Recorder:

JAMES AUSTIN HENRY,

LITTLE ROCK.

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at Little Rock during the week of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, 1898, the time to be announced at or near the close of the Grand Lodge by the M.·. P.·. Grand Master.

Royal and Select Masters.

GRAND COUNCIL

of Arkansas.

1898.

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The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Arkansas, met at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, at 10 a. m., on Friday, the 18th day of November, A. D. 1898, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT.

M.·. I.·. OMER J. SHORT.....Grand Master.
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PAST OFFICERS.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

COMP.·. CHARLES N. RIX, Grand Council of Kansas.
COMP.·. JAMES A. HENRY, Grand Council of Connecticut.
COMP.·. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Council of Maryland.
COMP.·. GEORGE THORNBURGH, Grand Council of Illinois.
COMP.·. JAMES H. VAN HOOSE, Grand Council of New Jersey.
COMP.·. ANTONIO B. GRACE, Grand Council of Oregon.
COMP.·. THOMAS M. HORSFALL, Grand Council of Canada.
COMP.·. GEORGE W. SKIDMORE, Grand Council of Rhode Island.
COMP.·. SAM W. WILLIAMS, Grand Council of Michigan.
COMP.·. JOHN T. HICKS, Grand Council of Alabama.
COMP.·. GAYLORD J. KLOCK, Grand Council of California.
COMP.·. F. H. BADGER, Grand Council of Florida.
COMP.·. ROBERT M. SMITH, Grand Council of Indian Territory.
COMP.·. JOHN P. FARRAR, Grand Council of Maine.
COMP.·. JOHN BRODIE, Grand Council of New Hampshire.
COMP.·. J. R. DONNELL, Grand Council of North Carolina.
COMP.·. JAMES CHAPPLE, Grand Council of Wisconsin.

There being a constitutional number present, the Grand Council proceeded to business.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Master announced the following committees:

On Jurisprudence—Companions Sam W. Williams, George Thornburgh, Chas. N. Rix, A. B. Grace, and J. P. Farrar.

On Credentials and Returns—Companions Robert M. Smith and J. J. Doyne.

On Charters and Dispensations—Companions J. R. Donnell and S. D. Dodge.

On Treasurer's and Recorder's Books—Companions Gaylord J. Klock and J. M. Daggett.

On Memorials—Companions Fay Hempstead and R. J. Laughlin.

On Foreign Correspondence—Companion R. J. Laughlin.

The M.·. I.·. Grand Master then delivered his annual address:

Companions:

Again we have assembled for the purpose of reviewing our labors of the past year, and devising plans for the future betterment of Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas.

It is with the happiest greetings that I most heartily welcome you to this our Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly. We should feel thankful to the great "I Am" for the many mercies and the goodness he has shown us during the past year, and in permitting us to assemble to-day with ranks unbroken.

As your M.·. I.·. Grand Master I have done little. The Spanish-American war was the all absorbing topic the early part of the year, and I also found it a convenient time for a visit to the European Continent; so have been absent from the State a good part of the time. I had all of the Councils written to, trying to stir them up, but in a majority of cases we got no response whatever.

My intentions were to visit a number of the Councils this summer, but absence from home prevented. I visited Hot Springs Council once officially, and attended its meetings regularly when at home. Am glad to report this Council in a prosperous condition.

No questions have been submitted to me for decision.

Neither are there any appeals or grievances reported to this Grand Body. We will take this for granted that peace and harmony prevail between our Companions. On November 23, I granted to Occidental Council No. 1 dispensation to install officers. In the interchange of fraternal courtesies, on November 14, I appointed Companion Geo. B. Gray, of Salem, Ore., as our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Oregon. Finding that a number of the Grand Councils were not represented near this Grand Council I made the following recommendations:

Gaylord J. Klock, for California; J. R. Donnell, for North Carolina, and John P. Farrar, for Maine.

From Companion Henry W. Mordhurst, General Grand Recorder, I rave received the following communication, and recommend that this Grand Council approve the action of the M.·. P.·. General Grand Master.

GENERAL CIRCULAR No. 1.

The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,
Of the United States.

Nashville, Tenn., June 16, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of General Grand Council R. and S. M.:

Beloved Companions—Official notice having been made through our General Grand Recorder that the Grand Council R. and S. M. of North Carolina, at their Annual Convocation holden at Raleigh, on May 19, 1898, did ratify the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States, it is with great pleasure we promulgate the said information.

By that proceeding the Grand Council of North Carolina became a constituent member of our General Grand Body, and as such in your name we extend to every member of said Grand Jurisdiction a most hearty, earnest, and cordial greeeting.

BRADFORD NICHOL,
General Grand Master.

(Seal.)

Attest:

HENRY W. MORDHURST,
General Grand Recorder.

GENERAL CIRCULAR No. 2.

The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,
Of the United States.

Nashville, Tenn., August 8, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of General Grand Council R. and S. M.:

Beloved—With undisguised pleasure and gratification, we publish the following:

On July 4, we received a request from every Council in Colorado, asking that dispensation be granted for purpose of formation of Grand Council of Colorado. On July 30, said convention met in Denver, organized, adopted Constitution, elected Grand Officers, and ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council, thereby becoming a constituent member of this General Grand Body.

We allude to the past differences to state that our Companions of Colorado, with a truly commendable Masonic spirit, threw aside every discordant opinion and with a determination "to work and agree," entered into correspondence January last with your General Grand Master, and since in convention rectified any and every irregularity which had in any manner crept into their jurisdiction. How well they and your General Grand Master have succeeded in removing errors, reproaches, and animosities, remains for you to prove. Companions, we recommend them to your most cordial, fraternal love and confidence. Let the past be remembered only to guide us in a happy, prosperous future.

BRADFORD NICHOL,
General Grand Master.

(Seal.)

Attest:

HENRY W. MORDHURST,
General Grand Recorder.

If there have been any deaths none have been reported to me. From our sister jurisdiction Georgia, comes the announcement of the death of Companion Wm. Abraham Love, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, on January 22, 1898. I herewith append this *in memoriam* of Companion Love.

It is apparent to all of us that Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas has no life in it; there are various reasons that are given why; but, my Companions, the chief reason is the lack of enthusiasm in the Councilor Masons themselves. Wherever

you find working Council members, you will find a prosperous Council.

And now, Companions, before turning over the gavel to my successor, I desire to thank you for the trust you reposed and the confidence you have shown in mé. I shall ever hold in grateful remembrance your kindness, and shall always deem the occupation of this chair one of the honors of my life.

Thanking you for your support and consideration, I am ever a lover of Cryptic Masonry, and shall work and pray for the success and prosperity of this Grand Council.

OMER J. SHORT,
Grand Master.

Companion George Thornburgh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the matters mentioned in the address of the Grand Master be referred as follows:

So much as refers to special dispensations, to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

So much as refers to the appointment of Grand Representatives near the Grand Council, be approved.

That so much as refers to the new Grand Council of Colorado, to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

So much as refers to the death of Companion Love, of Virginia, and others, to the Committee on Memorials of the Dead.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

We, your Committee on Credentials and Returns, beg leave to report that we find eleven Councils on the rolls, seven of which are represented.

We further find that Osiris Council No. 5 has made no returns for the past year, and has paid no dues since 1894. Searcy Council No. 12 has made no returns and paid no dues for the past year. English Council No. 14 has made returns, but their dues for the past year, amounting to $28.50, have not yet been paid. Brilliant Star Council No. 27 has made returns, but paid no dues for the past two years.

We find the following are entitled to seats in this Grand Council:

GRAND OFFICERS.

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R. J. LAUGHLIN.....Past M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN P. FARRAR.....Past M. I. Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

OCCIDENTAL No. 1.....Fay Hempstead, T. Ill. M.
BENTONVILLE No. 6.....R. J. Laughlin, T. Ill. M.
HOT SPRINGS No. 23.....R. M. Smith, proxy for T. Ill. M.
MARIANNA No. 25.....J. M. Daggett, T. Ill. M.
SAM W. WILLIAMS No. 32.....J. J. Doyne, T. Ill. M.
CENTRAL No. 33.....J. R. Donnell, T. Ill. M.
MYSTIC No. 34.....G. J. Clark, T. Ill. M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. SMITH,
J. J. DOYNE,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S AND RECORDER'S BOOKS.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Recorder's Books made the following report, which was accepted:

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

Your Committee on Treasurer's and Recorder's Books have examined the books and vouchers of those officers, and find as follows:

Grand Recorder has received	$147.50
And paid to Grand Treasurer	142.50
Balance in his hands	$ 5.00
Grand Treasurer had in his hands at last audit balance of	$235.90
Received from Grand Recorder	142.50
Total	$378.40
And paid warrants, 1 to 26	170.60
Balance in hand	$207.80

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. DAGGETT,
GAYLORD J. KLOCK,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report that nothing has been referred to us for consideration.

It seems that only a few Councils are working, and they are officered by intelligent Masons who decide questions in a satisfactory way.

The dormant Councils are too lifeless to ask questions.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE THORNBURGH,
R. J. LAUGHLIN,
FAY HEMPSTEAD,
ANTONIO B. GRACE,
JOHN P. FARRAR,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Recorder's report which refers to delinquent Councils, submit the following report:

Osiris Council No. 5, at Fort Smith, has made report for 1897, but owes dues to this Grand Council $58.25. Brilliant Star No. 27, at Dardanelle, made report 1898, but owes dues to this Grand Council $23.50. We recommend that each of these Councils be given until

April 1, 1899, to pay all dues and place themselves in good standing in this Grand Council, and on their refusing or neglecting to do so, that their charters be arrested.

Augusta No. 22. We recommend that charter be arrested. As to Searcy No. 12, from statement made to Grand Recorder by Companion Hicks, we think it useless to try to revive it, and recommend its charter be arrested, unless they make report for 1898 and pay up dues on demand, or give some cause to indicate life, in which event they may have until April 1, 1899, to place themselves in good standing with Grand Council.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. R. DONNELL,
S. D. DODGE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS OF THE DEAD.

The Committee on Memorials of the Dead presented the following report, which was ordered printed in the minutes, to-wit:

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

Your Committee on Memorials of the Dead, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master as relates to the dead Companion William I. James, of this Grand Jurisdiction, and William Abram Love, of the Grand Council of Georgia, having considered the same, beg leave to fraternally report:

Companion James had been a zealous and active Council Mason for many years, and rarely failed to be in attendance at the sessions of this Grand Council and to take active part in its labors. He was with us at our last session, apparently in his usual health and vigor, but within the brief space of one month after the close of this Grand Council, the Dread Messenger summoned him into the World of the Great Beyond, and his place in our midst knows him no more.

Truly Companions, "We walk upon the ashes of the generations which have gone before us." "The young may die, the old must die, and the wisest know not how soon."

Let us then wisely employ our time so that when our labors shall have ceased, we may sleep in peace, "for the night cometh when no man can work."

In the death of Companion William Abram Love, Cryptic Masonry in America has lost one who filled a large space in its annals. He was a commanding figure in Masonry; commanding both in per-

son and attainments. Those who have long beheld his towering form, and his silken snow-white locks about a countenance of singular benevolence, will ever forget his appearance. In mental attainments he stood grandly prominent, and especially in Masonic fields. He has passed to the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

We recommend that a memorial page, suitably inscribed to the memory of these Companions, be inserted in our Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
R. J. LAUGHLIN,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

We take pleasure in reporting that the dissensions which have unhappily disturbed the harmony of the Craft in our sister jurisdiction of Colorado, have been reconciled and removed. We therefore recommend that fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Council of Colorado, with congratulations upon the happy and peaceful settlement of its difficulties.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. GRACE,
Chairman.

The Grand Council received the petitions of Companions Leonidas Kirby, of Harrison Chapter No. 85, and Samuel Nunneley, of Huntsville Chapter No. 20, for the Council degrees, there being no Council in their respective counties. Their petitions were referred to Companions Grace, Daggett, and Thornburgh.

A ballot was had and they were declared elected.

The Grand Council requested Occidental Council No. 1 to receive and greet the above Companions.

Hall of Occidental Council No. 1,
R. and S. Masters of Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark., November 19, 1898.

To the Grand Council of Arkansas:

We hereby certify to you that in compliance with the request of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Arkansas, that this Council

confer the degrees of Royal, Select, and Superexcellent Master upon Companions Leonidas Kirby, of Harrison, Ark., and Sam Nunneley, of Harrisburg, Ark., for the said Grand Council, said Companions having been duly elected before said Grand Council to receive said degrees. Occidental Council did, on Friday, the 18th day of November, 1898, confer said degrees of Royal, Select, and Superexcellent Master on said Companions Kirby and Nunneley, and by further request of the Grand Council, did confer the degree of Superexcellent Master upon Companion Nick Kizer, of Eureka Springs, Ark., the same being conferred in full form and with the entire ceremonial provided therefor.

Fraternally submitted,

FAY HEMPSTEAD,

Thrice Illustrious Master of Occidental Council No. 1.

(Seal.)

Attest:

S. D. DODGE,

Recorder.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, Companions J. M. Daggett and J. J. Doyne acting as tellers, with the following result, viz:

COMP.·. THOMAS M. HORSFALL.....Grand Master.
COMP.·. J. R. DONNELL.....Deputy Grand Master.
COMP.·. GAYLORD J. KLOCK.....
.....Grand Principal Conductor of Work.
COMP.·. JOHN BRODIE.....Grand Treasurer.
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COMP.·. EDMUND METCALF.....Grand Sentinel.

The officers-elect were installed in their respective stations by M.·. I.·. Past Grand Master R. J. Laughlin.

Companion Thornburgh offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the usual appropriations be and the same are hereby made, for the usual necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

On motion of Companion Charles N. Rix, Companion Robert M. Smith was appointed a committee to digest the edicts of the Grand Council, and that they be printed with the Proceedings, and the Grand Recorder be directed to have printed 100 extra copies of the Proceedings of 1898.

Companion Thornburgh offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be directed to communicate our love and sympathy to our beloved Companion, George A. Dannelly.

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held in Little Rock on Thursday, November 16, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

THOS. M. HORSFALL,

Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES A. HENRY,

Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX

TO THE MEMORY OF OUR COMPANIONS WHO ARE AT REST.

Council.	No.	Name.	Location.
Occidental	1	R. L. Goodrich	Little Rock.
Occidental	1	Orin S. Dillon	Little Rock.
Occidental	1	L. A. Brownell	Little Rock.
Bentonville	6	H. J. Wekerline	Bentonville.
English	14	A. Boyd	Pine Bluff.
Marianna	25	Harry Hassell	Marianna.
Central	36	B. F. Dufield	Conway.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1898.

Names of Council.	Number.	Stated Meetings.	Received and Greeted.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Died.	Suspended for Non-payment of Dues.	Suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Number of Members.	Dues for 1898.	Paid.
Occidental	1	2d Thursday of each month	5	1		3					51	$35 50	$35 50
Osiris	5												
Bentonville	6	Monday after full moon									11	5 50	5 50
Searcy	12												
English	14	3d Thursday in each month	3		1	1					45	28 50	28 50
Hot Springs	23	2d and 4th Monday	5		3				1	1	43	31 50	31 50
Marianna	25	3d Thursday in each month	9			2					44	32 00	32 00
Brilliant Star	27	2d Friday in each month						1			23	11 50	
Sam W. Williams	32	1st Monday in each month					1				16	8 00	8 00
Central	33	3d Thursday in each month	5		1	1					18	19 00	19 00
Mystic	34	1st Saturday in each month	3	1							20	16 00	16 00
Totals			30	2	5	7	1	1	1	1	261	187 50	176 00

LIST OF PAST GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Grand Illustrious Master.	Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	†Luke E. Barber	†E. H. Whitfield	S. H. Bayless	W. H. Sutton	†R. L. Dodge	†E. H. English.
1861						
1862						
1863						
1864						
1865	†E. H. English	†A. J. Ward	†J. W. Jordan	W. E. Mills	†R. L. Dodge	†T. D. Merrick.
1866	E. H. English		†John R. Eakin	Israel M. Moore	R. L. Dodge	†W. D. Blocher.
1867	†Harris Flanagan	†B. Powell	Peyton R. Smith	†R. L. Dodge	†Louis George	W. D. Blocher.
1868	Harris Flanagan	R. M. Johnson	B. P. Powell	R. L. Dodge	†Fred Kramer	W. D. Blocher.
1869	†E. H. Wh tfield	G. A. Dannelly	†M. L. Bell	†J. W. Jordan	†R. L. Dodge	†L. E. Barber.
1870	George A. Dannelly	†John W. Jordan	†E. R. Du Val	W. K. Dobbins	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1871	†E. H. English	W. W. Garland	B. P. Powell	†John W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1872	E. H. English	Sam W. Williams	W. W. Kerr	B. F. Askew	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1873	†James T. Stinton	†G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	†John H. Neal	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1874	†G. W. Laughinghouse	John J. Sumpter	†M. M. McGuire	†C. W. Millard	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1875	†M. M. McGuire	†E. R. Du Val	J. H. Van Hoose	T. L. Millner	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1876	†C. W. Millard	†J. P. McCown	J. B. Padgett	†J. W. Jordan	R. L. Dodge	L. E. Barber.
1877	†J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	†G. H. Meade	L. E. Barber.
1878	J. P. McCown	Sam W. Williams	J. H. Van Hoose	L. Minor	G. H. Meade	L. E. Barber.
1879						
1880						
1881	Sam W. Williams	Lancelot Minor	C. H. Stone	†J. M. Harkey	†G. H. Meade	†L. E. Barber.
1882	Sam W. Williams	C. H. Stone	George Thornburgh	J. M. Harkey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1883	George Thornburgh	†J. M. Harkey	†Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1884	†James M. Harkey	†Logan H. Roots	D. D. Leach	W. W. Garland	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1885	†Logan H. Roots	†George L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1886	†George L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1887	George L. Kimball	D. D. Leach	W. K. Ramsey	W. H. H. Clayton	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1888	D. D. Leach	Fay Hempstead		Charles N. Rix	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1889	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed S. Carl-Lee	G. H. Meade	J. A. Henry.
1890	Fay Hempstead	Charles N. Rix		Ed S. Carl-Lee	†Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1891	Charles N. Rix	Ed S Carl-Lee		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1892	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1893	Charles N. Rix	John J. Sumpter		Peter Brickey	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1894	John J. Sumpter	Antonio B. Grace		R. J. Laughlin	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1895	Antonio B. Grace	R. J. Laughlin		†J. M. Pinnell	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1896	R. J. Laughlin	J. P. Farrar		Omer J. Short	Fred Kramer	J. A. Henry.
1897	John P. Farrar	Omer J. Short		T. M. Horsfall	John Brodie	J. A. Henry.
1898	Omer J. Short	T. M. Horsfall		J. R. Donnell	John Brodie	J. A. Henry.

†Dead.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
Alabama	John T. Hicks	Searcy.
Canada	T. M. Horsfall	Hazen.
California	Gaylord J. Klock	Eureka Springs.
Connecticut	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
Colorado		
England and Wales	B. F. Atkinson	Fort Smith.
Florida	F. H. Badger	Eureka Springs.
Georgia	John T. Marsh	Pine Bluff.
Iowa	R. M. Smith	Hot Springs.
Illinois	George Thornburgh	Little Rock.
Indian Territory	R. M. Smith	Hot Springs.
Indiana	S. P. Collings	Hot Springs.
Kansas	C. N. Rix	Hot Springs.
Kentucky	George A. Dannelly	Searcy.
Louisiana	Jno. A. Plummer	Marianna.
Maine	John P. Farrar	Clifton.
Maryland	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Massachusetts	Lewis C. Hall	Dardanelle.
Minnesota	Lancelot Minor	Newport.
Missouri	W. H. Gee	Dardanelle.
Mississippi	J. P. Stanley	Pine Bluff.
New Hampshire	John Brodie	Little Rock.
New Jersey	James H. Van Hoose	Fayetteville.
New York	J. H. Kennerly	Sulphur Rock.
Nebraska	Ed S Carl-Lee	Augusta.
North Carolina	J. R. Donnell	Conway.
Oregon	A. B. Grace	Pine Bluff.
Ohio	W. W. Garland	Morrilton.
Pennsylvania	A. S. Sithen	Hot Springs.
Rhode Island	Geo. W. Skidmore	Little Rock.
Scotland	A. G. McKnight	Eureka Springs.
South Carolina	W. K. Ramsey	Camden.
Vermont	J. M. Daggett	Marianna.
Wisconsin	James Chapple	Little Rock.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Name.	Address.
California	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Colorado	Thomas E. Shears	Denver.
Connecticut	Charles W. Skiff	Danbury.
Dakota	Gilbert F. Stevenson	Yankton.
England and Wales	Rt. Hon. Henry James, Earl of	8 Red Lion
Florida	[Euston	[Square, London.
Georgia	A. M. Eledge	Columbus.
Illinois	George M. Gross	Chicago.
Indian Territory	Leo E. Bennett	Muskogee.
Indiana	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne.
Kansas	Andrew M. Callahan	Topeka.
Kentucky	G. A. Park	Owensboro.
Louisiana	D. F. Stafford	Alexandria.
Maine	Russell G. Dyer	Belfast.
Maryland	C. C. Isaacs	Baltimore.
Massachusetts		
Michigan	George H. Stephenson	St. John's.
Minnesota	J. R. Carey	Minneapolis.
Missouri	F. J. Tygard	Butler.
New Hampshire	Joshua W. Hunt	Nashua.
New Jersey	Leonard L. Greer	Passaic.
New York	Henry Mallison	Dunkirk.
Nebraska	Frank E. White	Plattsmouth.
North Carolina	W. A. Williams	Wilmington.
Ontario	J. P. Slater	Ontario.
Oregon	Geo. B. Gray	Salem.
Ohio	George D. McBride	Gallipolis.
Pennsylvania	Charles K. Francis	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace S. Richardson	Providence.
Scotland		
South Carolina	A. S. Thomas	Charleston.
Vermont	Robert J. Wright	Newport.
Wisconsin	W. W. Daggett	Oshkosh.

PAY ROLL GRAND COUNCIL.

Thomas M. Horsfall, M. I. G. M.	$2.00
J. R. Donnell, D. I. G. M.	2.00
Gaylord J. Klock, G. P. C. of W.	2.00
John Brodie, Grand Treasurer	2.00
James A. Henry, Grand Recorder	2.00
George Thornburgh, Grand Chaplain	2.00
Robert M. Smith, G. C. of G.	2.00
S. D. Dodge, G. C. of C.	2.00
John M. Daggett, Grand Marshal	2.00
Edmund Metcalf, Grand Sentinel	5.00

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Fay Hempstead	$2.00
Charles N. Rix	2.00
R. J. Laughlin	2.00
John P. Farrar	2.00
A. B. Grace	2.00
Omer J. Short	2.00
J. J. Doyne	2.00

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

ALABAMA—H. Clay Armstrong.....Montgomery.
ARKANSAS—James A. Henry.....Little Rock.
CALIFORNIA—Thomas H. Caswell.....San Francisco.
CANADA—J. B. Niscon.....Toronto.
COLORADO—Thomas E. Shears.....Denver.
CONNECTICUT—James McCormick.....Hartford.
ENGLAND, WALES—C. F. Matier....Great Queen Street, London.
FLORIDA—John Carlovitz.....Milton.
GEORGIA—Wm. A. Wolihin.....Macon.
ILLINOIS—Gil W. Barnard.....Chicago.
INDIANA—William H. Smythe.....Indianapolis.
INDIAN TERRITORY—J. S. Murrow.....Atoka.
KANSAS—A. M. Callaham.....Topeka.
KENTUCKY—James W. Staton.....Brooksville.
LOUISIANA—Richard Lambert.....New Orleans.
MAINE—Stephen Berry.....Portland.
MARYLAND—George L. McCahn.....Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS—J. Gilman Waite....28 School Street, Boston.
MICHIGAN—Jefferson C. Conover.....Coldwater.
MINNESOTA—Thomas Montgomery.....St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI—John L. Power.....Jackson.
MISSOURI—William H. Mayo.....St. Louis.
NEBRASKA—William R. Bowen.....Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK—Robert Marshall.....St. Johns.
NEW HAMPSHIRE—George P. Cleaves.....Concord.
NEW JERSEY—Charles Beehtel.....Trenton.
NEW YORK—George Van Vleit.....New York.
NORTH CAROLINA—James C. Murrels.....Wilmington.
OHIO—William E. Evans.....Chillicothe.
OREGON—Seth L. Pope.....Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA—Joshua L. Lyte.....Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND—William R. Green.....Providence.
SOUTH CAROLINA—Zimmerman Davis.....Charleston.
TENNESSEE—William A. Clendenning.....Nashville.
VERMONT—Warren G. Reynolds.....Burlington.
WASHINGTON—Edward R. Hare.....Tacoma.
WISCONSIN—John W. Loflin.....Milwaukee.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL—Henry W. Mordhurst,
.....Fort Wayne, Indiana.

LIST OF COUNCILS

SUBORDINATE TO THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS,

AND

THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,

AS RETURNED OCTOBER 1, 1898.

Occidental Council No. 1.—Little Rock, Pulaski County.

OFFICERS.

Fay Hempstead.....T. Ill. M.
S. D. Dodge.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Akin, M. E.
Arnold, E. J.
Amis, W. S.
Bigger, W. F.
Brodie, John
Burrus, Henry H.
Cambis, E.
Chapple, James
Clark, George W.
Denie, M. R.
Gowdy, J. E.
Heiseman, A. M.
Henry, James A.
Hollenberg, F. B. T.
Humphries, C. J.
Jones, Arthur C.
Jones, Thomas H.
Kantorowicz, Charles
Kidd, F. W.
Kitto, Sam
Kothe, John
Laster, J. H.
Lester, R. A.
McKee, W. J.
Meek, Ed
Metcalf, Ed
Morgan, J. E.
Proudfoot, S. N.
Pollock, D. W.
Patterson, E. C.
Ramsey, E. A.
Roots, E. C.
Roots, P. K.
Richard, Julius
Scott, John
Skidmore, G. W.
Speed, J. S.
Stainback, L. A.
Sundholm, Aug.
Smith, A. L.
Sparling, William
Taylor, F. E.
Thompson, W. J.
Thompson, Charles B.
Thompson, Charles L.
Thompson, J. M.
Thornburgh, George
Whipple, Durand
Williams, S. W.
Wolf, Isaac

Members, 52.

Bentonville Council No. 6.—Bentonville, Benton County.

OFFICERS.

R. J. Laughlin.....T. Ill. M.
Geo. L. Bates.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Beach, B. S.
Chastain, J. T.
Corley, R. N.
Kimmons, B. F.
Mason, Joshua
Morgan, D. B.
Patten, W. F.
Stahl, S. F.
Wall, E. B.

Members, 11.

English Council No. 14.—Pine Bluff, Jefferson County.

OFFICERS.

F. H. Head.....T. Ill. M.
Isaiah J. Moore.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Becker, F.
Blum, A.
Case, M. L.
Cabaness, C. E.
Clegg, J. L.
Culver, F. M.
Finnie, A. L.
Fritz, L. J. V.
Geisreiter, S.
Gorell, A. C.
Grace, A. B.
Green, T. J.
Hannah, J. R.
Hansboro, J. C.
Harris, C. O.
Hawley, J. H.
Higginbotham, H. G.
Holmes, N. D.
Kennon, T. W.
Kilroy, A. M.
Lynch, E. B.
Marsh, E.
Marsh, Elmo
Marsh, J. T.
Meyer, Gabe
Miller, Sol
Mills, David S.
Mills, David I.
Moore, G. B.
O'Connell, John
O'Neal, J. W.
Puddephatt, C. H.
Purdon, D. C.
Sorrells, T. F.
Stanley, J. P.
Tomme, W. P.
Toney, W. L.
Troupe, A. W.
Vernon, W. J. D.
Watkins, J. H.
Well, Charles
West, W. F.
Williams, E. W.
Wilson, T. J.

Members, 46

Hot Springs Council No. 23.—Hot Springs, Garland County.

OFFICERS.

J. B. Fordyce.....T. Ill. M.
W. H. C. Broaddus.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Alford, J. W.
Babcock, W. L.
Bentz, P. S.
Blumenstell, A.
Brooke, Benjamin
Gaines, E. P.
Gregory, F. W.
Henderson, M. J.
Hogaboom, Ed
Jelks, J. T.
Rix, F. N.
Rix, Charles N.
Short, O. J.
Sitlin, A. S.
Smith, Irving S.

Bryan, C. W.
Collings, H. P.
Collings, S. P.
Cook, G. B.
Dake, Charles
Dake, F. B.
Dixon, J. N.
Eveland, C. O.
Fordyce, J. B.
Judd, M. H.
Kennedy, J. F.
Little, W. J.
Little, W. W.
McCulloch, C. C.
Mooney, J. W.
Oden, A. F. B.
Parvin, C. C.
Ritzius, H. P.
Smith, Isaiah W.
Smith, R. M.
Sorrels, W. S.
Stevens, R. R.
Sumpter, J. J.
Varnadore, J. B.
Vaughan, H. R.
Whittington, Alf.
Work, W. E.

Members, 44.

Marianna Council No. 25.—Marianna, Lee County.

OFFICERS.

R. O. McClintock.....T. Ill. M.
J. B. Grove.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Ake, Frank P.
Ake, Harry B.
Baxter, Thos. A.
Bennett, Z. T.
Brickey, Gid R.
Brickey, Peter
Brown, James P.
Bunch, Wm. J.
Cochran, S. L.
Cotter, Walter
Daggett, J. M.
Deutsch, Albert
Dunham, Jas. P.
Eggleston, Chas. L.
Farrar, John P., Sr.
Folts, John T.
Forman, Robt. R.
Futrall, Thos. A.
Griffis, Rufus H.
Govan, Frank H.
Hutton, H. N.
Jarratt, J. Ernest
Johnston, Stephen D.
Leary, J. E.
Lessor, Julius
Martin, Geo. H.
McClendon, A. A.
McCulloch, Edwin A.
McVeigh, Hugh R.
Moore, Pat C.
Morehead, R. C.
Northern, P. E.
Plummer, J. A.
Ragland, Ed D.
Robinson, T. J.
Shaul, Jacob
Slaughter, Lon
Turley, Ellis
Whitsett, John P.
Wise, J. B.
Woodin, Foster H.

Members, 43.

Brilliant Star Council No. 27.—Dardanelle, Yell County.

OFFICERS.

R. C. Bullock.....T. Ill. M.
Jos. W. Pound.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Boles, Thomas
Bullock, J. T.
Cox, Thomas
Evans, W. W.
Gee, Wm. H.
Hall, L. C.
Heck, J. B.
Hogins, R. B.
Jones, W. H.
Leming, E., Jr.
Madenwald, A.
McCargo, J. H.
McKenzie, A. H.
Morgan, R. L.
Morrow, W. B.
Mourning, D. M.
Russell, J. W.
Smith, L. M.
Welch, L. W.
Whittlesey, F. V.
Wilder, A. W.
Wooten, W. P.

Members, 24.

Sam Williams Council No. 32.—Lonoke, Lonoke County.

OFFICERS.

J. J. Doyne.....T. Ill. M.
T. C. Trimble.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Boone, D. R.
Bradford, H. T.
Clements, J. F.
Cumming, J. R.
Daniel, Dan
Dempsey, W. E.
England, J. C.
Goodrum, C.
Horsfall, T. M.
House, M. C.
Sibley, Geo.
Tygart, T. J.
Wheat, Pat H., Jr.
Wheat, Pat H., Sr.

Members, 16.

Central Council No. 33—Conway, Faulkner County.

OFFICERS.

J. R. Donnell.....T. Ill. M.
J. S. Westerfield.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Dickens, A. J.
Dickens, J. J.
Dickerson, G. D.
Dobbins, W. K.
Donaghey, G. W.
Duncan, W. H.
Hamilton, J. W.
Harton, D. O.
Jones, J. S.
Kincheloe, J. F.
Little, J. E.
McKaskle, W. F.
Sutton, J. B.
Westerfield, J. S.
Wilson, W. B.
Witt, A. J.

Members, 18.

Mystic Council No. 34.—Eureka Springs, Carroll County.

OFFICERS.

G. J. Klock.....T. Ill. M.
T. M. Campbell.....Recorder.

MEMBERS.

Badger, F. H.
Badger, L. P.
Bolton, J. B.
Butts, Jacob
Clark, O. M.
Dickens, John H.
Dickens, W. T.
Fancher, J. P.
Folck, J. E.
Hawley, T. F.
Hays, John W.
Humphreys, T. C.
Johnson, B. F.
Keiser, Nick
Massey, E. L.
McKnight, A. G.
Penn, E. C.
Williams, B.

Members, 20.

CONSTITUTION AND EDICTS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL,

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

TOGETHER WITH THE

CONSTITUTION AND EDICTS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ARKANSAS

COMPILED BY ROBERT M. SMITH,

1898.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL,

AS AMENDED IN 1897.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This body shall be known as the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

Sec. 2. The General Grand Council shall be composed of the following officers:

Most Puissant General Grand Master.
Right Puissant General Grand Deputy Master.
Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
Right Puissant General Grand Treasurer.
Right Puissant General Grand Recorder.
Right Puissant General Grand Chaplain.
Right Puissant General Grand Captain of the Guard.
Right Puissant General Grand Conductor of the Council.
Right Puissant General Grand Marshal.
Right Puissant General Grand Steward.
Puissant General Grand Sentinel.

Together with all Past Most Puissant General Grand Masters, Past Right Puissant General Grand Deputy Masters, Past Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; all Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, or their proxies; all Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the several constituent Grand Councils, and the first three officers of every Council, under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Council, or their proxies, which officers of said constituent Councils shall, collectively, have one vote.

Sec. 3. On all questions to be decided by the General Grand Council, each State Grand Council shall be entitled to three votes, by its representative or representatives. The General Grand Officers, when present, shall each have one vote, but no member of the General Grand Council shall be entitled to vote as proxy when the Companion giving the proxy is present.

Sec. 4. The officers of the General Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, and installed at each Triennial Assembly, except the Gen-

eral Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel, who shall be appointed by the General Grand Master, at the commencement of each stated assembly, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall be elected and installed.

Sec. 5. The duties of the officers of this General Grand Council shall be such as are appropriate to their several stations.

Sec. 6. The stated assemblies of the General Grand Council shall be held triennially, at such date and place as it shall determine. Provided, that if, in the opinion of the General Grand Master, or, in case of his inability, then of the Senior General Grand officer, there shall be danger of life and health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change such meeting to some other time and place, and in the event of such change being made, he shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

Sec. 7. The General Grand Master and General Grand Deputy Master shall have authority to call a special assembly of the General Grand Council whenever they consider it expedient or necessary, and it shall be their duty to do so when properly requested by a majority of the Grand Councils, of which four months' notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.

Sec. 8. A quorum of the General Grand Council shall consist of the Representatives of three Grand Councils.

Sec. 9. The General Grand Council shall watch over and protect the interests of Cryptic Masonry in the States, Districts or Territories which recognize its jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Council regularly established; and shall settle all difficulties which may arise and be referred to it, and shall give such advice and instructions as may seem most conducive to the peace, advancement and perpetuation of Cryptic Masonry in its original integrity.

Sec. 10. The General Grand Master, or, in case of his inability to act, the General Grand Deputy Master, shall have power and authority to grant dispensations for new Councils of Royal and Select Masters, in any State, District or Territory where there is not a Grand Council regularly established and working independently of any other Masonic body; such dispensation in no case to extend beyond the time of the next stated assembly of the General Grand Council, but no new Council shall be established in any State, District, or Territory, where there is a regular Council within a reasonable distance, without the consent of the Council nearest the place where such new Council is proposed to be located; and he shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder of such dispensation,

and make report of the same at the next triennial assembly of the General Grand Council, when the General Grand Council may grant said Council a charter.

Sec. 11. The fees for granting a dispensation shall be $25, and every Council holden by dispensation, or charter, from this body, shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Council, the sum of $1 for each Companion greeted therein, and 50 cents annually for each member, until such time as a Grand Council shall be regularly established in the State, District, or Territory in which such Council is located.

The General Grand Recorder shall be paid by the petitioners $5 for his services in granting a charter. The fees in the several Councils under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, for conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and the appendant degree of Superexcellent Master, shall not be less than $10.

Sec. 12. Whenever there shall be three Councils regularly instituted in any State, District, or Territory, a Grand Council may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

Sec. 13. Each Grand Council constituent of this General Grand Body shall pay to the General Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of 50 cents for each chartered Council under its jurisdiction.

The Grand Recorder of each Grand Council shall be required to transmit to the General Grand Recorder, an official notice of the election of its Grand Officers within thirty days thereafter, and also transmit to the General Grand Recorder six copies of their Proceedings as soon as the same are printed.

Sec. 14. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters must have a charter or dispensation from the General Grand Council, or from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry, and no Council shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council or any member of it, and any Council or Assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened, or holden without such charter, or any person assumed to be received or greeted therein.

Sec. 15. State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions.

ARTICLE II.

Subordinate Councils.

Section 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, shall consist

of the following officers: Thrice Illustrious Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Master, Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Steward, Sentinel, and as many other members as may be convenient for working together.

Sec. 2. Every Council under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Council, shall annually make a return to the General Grand Recorder of their name, number, location, and time of stated meeting, with a list of officers and members, degrees conferred, Companions admitted, died, suspended, or expelled, in accordance with a form furnished from the office of the General Grand Recorder.

Sec. 3. Every Council under dispensation from this General Grand Council shall, at the close of its period, return to the General Grand Recorder its dispensation and records.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any stated assembly by a majority vote of the Grand Councils represented.

Sec. 2. Nothing contained in this Constitution shall be construed to derogate from the right or authority of any Grand Council which may not determine to become a constituent of this General Grand Council.

Sec. 3. Whenever this Constitution shall be ratified and accepted by any Grand Council, its Grand Recorder shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder of such action, and whenever nine Councils shall have so ratified and accepted it, the General Grand Recorder shall notify all the Grand Councils, and the officers of this General Grand Council, who shall thereupon assume their duties as such.

Sec. 4. Immediately after the opening of the General Grand Council the presiding officer shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to report on membership from time to time during the session of the General Grand Council, and whose term shall expire with the session.

Sec. 5. The General Grand Master-elect, after installation, and before the closing of the session, shall appoint the following Committees, whose term shall extend and be analogous with the term of the General Grand Master, unless by him sooner removed, by the appointment of his or their successors, viz:

(*a*). A Committee on Finance and Accounts, consisting of as many members as in the judgment of the Most Puissant General Grand Master shall be necessary, whose duty it shall be to examine and pass upon all business of a financial nature; to examine the books

and accounts of the General Grand Treasurer and Recorder, and to make a report thereof in writing, as early as may be, during the session of the General Grand Council, and to perform such other duties as the General Grand Council may refer to them.

(*b*). A Committee on the State of the Rite and Foreign Communications, consisting of as many members as, in the judgment of the Most Puissant General Grand Master, shall be necessary, whose duty it shall be to open up and enter into correspondence with all foreign Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters; to establish and maintain a system of correspondence with all State Grand Councils not members of the General Grand Council; to watch the interests of the Rite in jurisdictions where it is not under the control of this, or a State Grand Body, and report in a written or printed form at the Triennial Assembly succeeding their appointment.

(*c*). A Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence, consisting of as many members as, in the judgment of the Most Puissant General Grand Master, shall be necessary, whose duty it shall be to examine all questions of Masonic law and jurisprudence, the status of membership, conflicts of opinion, appeals and grievances, as existing or arising within the bodies constituting the membership of the General Grand Council, which may be referred to them for action or opinion, and such other duties as may be referred to them by the General Grand Master or presiding officer.

(*d*). A Committee on Charters and Dispensations, whose duty it shall be to examine the records sent up by Councils, acting under the dispensation of either of the officers qualified to issue such dispensation; to make report in writing of their internal state, and recommend such action to the General Grand Council as, in their judgment, may seem fit.

DECISIONS AND EDICTS,

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

COMMUNICATING DEGREES.

The General Grand Master has power, in new territory, to issue his dispensation authorizing a Companion in possession of the degrees to communicate the same to a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons, to the end that a Council may be instituted.

Proceedings 1886, page 12; approved, page 32. Also Proceedings 1889, pages 18 and 42.

PROXIES IN GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

A proxy can issue only to an officer of, or a permanent member of, the Grand Council which he is to represent by virtue of his appointment, or to a Past T.·. I.·. Master within its jurisdiction, or the peer of the officer giving the proxy, if it be given to a member of a sister Grand Council, which must be a constituent of the General Grand Council.

Proceedings 1886, page 16; approved, page 33.

None other than the Representatives of a Grand Council, or the Representatives of a subordinate Council under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, can issue proxies.

Proceedings 1889, page 26.

RITUAL ADOPTED.

"The Committee on Ritual report, that the ritual known as the 'Convention Work,' a copy of which is placed in the hands of the General Grand Master, be adopted as the standard ritual of this body, for its own use and that of its immediate subordinates, and that the essentials of this work, such as preparation, obligation, and recognition, be recommended to our constituent Grand Councils, as a means of uniformity of ritual."

Adopted 1889, Proceedings page 47.

TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLIES.

Triennal Assemblies of the General Grand Councils may be held within less than three years apart, and two meetings not exceeding six years apart.

Proceedings 1891, pages 26, 35.

NEW GRAND COUNCILS.

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this General Grand Council, that by the fundamental law of Freemasonry, all Grand Councils legally formed by Councils chartered by this body, are subject to its Constitution and laws, without any special clause in their Constitution to that effect, and can sever that allegiance only by its consent. All Grand Councils which have adopted such a clause in their Constitution, as a condition of their organization, are hereby authorized to repeal it."

Adopted 1897, Proceedings, page 92.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

Petitioners for the degrees in a subordinate Council, are not required to hold membership in the Lodge.

Proceedings 1891, pages 20, 40.

Royal and Select Masters made under or recognizing a Chapter warrant, must be healed before being allowed any privileges as Cryptic Masons.

Proceedings 1891, pages 20, 40.

The General Grand Master is the judge of what constitutes a reasonable distance from the nearest Council, in granting a dispensation for a new Council.

Proceedings 1894, pages 25, 26; approved, pages 61-63.

Rules and regulations for the government of subordinate Councils under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, adopted and in force since December 1, 1894. (Copies of the rules and regulations can be obtained from the General Grand Recorder.)

See Proceedings 1894, pages 67, 133.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ARKANSAS.

As Revised in 1892 and Amended in 1893 and 1896.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Grand Council shall be composed of a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Marshal, Grand Steward, Grand Sentinel; all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; all Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Illustrious Masters, and Principal Conductors of the Work, for the time being, of the several Councils under its jurisdiction, so long as such Past Grand Officers shall remain members of any Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

Sec. 2. Each member of this Grand Council shall have one vote, and in case of an equal division the Grand Master shall have an additional one; each Council is entitled to three votes, irrespective of the number of its Representatives present; and all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers designated in section 1, may vote both as such and as Representative.

Sec. 3. Each of the three principal officers of a subordinate Council has the right to appoint a proxy to attend the Grand Council in his stead; provided, all proxies must be members of such Council.

Sec. 4. All the officers of the Grand Council shall be elected at the Annual Assembly by a majority vote of the Representatives and members present.

(As amended in 1896, page 250.)

Sec. 5. The Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Councils under its jurisdiction; and shall have power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle controversies that may arise between them. It shall have power to grant charters to new Councils within the State of Arkansas, and make laws for its own government and for its subordinate Councils.

Sec. 6. The Grand Master has power to convene any Council within this jurisdiction; to preside therein; inspect their Proceedings,

and require their conformity to Masonic rules; he may require the attendance of, and information from, any Grand Officer, respecting his office; he may make Royal and Select Masters at sight, in a Council; he may grant dispensations for new Councils, on proper application, when the Grand Council is not in session; and during the recess of the Grand Council may exercise all its executive functions.

Sec. 7. In case of the death, absence, or disability, of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, shall, in succession, exercise his prerogatives and discharge his duties, for all purposes.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer:

First. To take charge of all the funds, property, securities, and vouchers of the Grand Council.

Second. To pay all orders duly drawn and attested; and to report annually to the Grand Council his receipts and expenditures.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder:

First. To record the transactions of the Grand Council.

Second. To sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Council.

Third. To prepare for the Annual Assembly a correct list of the Past Officers of the Grand Council entitled to vote, together with the names and numbers of all subordinate Councils entitled to representation in this Grand Council.

Fourth. To receive, and keep a proper account of, all moneys belonging to the Grand Council, and pay the same over, without delay, to the Grand Treasurer; and render an annual account to the Grand Council. He shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the Grand Council; together with $1 for each certificate and seal, and $10 for each charter issued.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Grand Officers, whose duties have not been hereinbefore specifically set forth, to discharge such functions as, by ancient usage, appertain to their offices.

Sec. 11. The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held at Little Rock; immediately following the close of the session Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas; but a special assembly may be called whenever the Grand Master may deem it necessary.

Sec. 12. The Grand Council may, when they deem it expedient, appoint a Grand Lecturer; and also, such committees as may be necessary.

Sec. 13. The revenues of this Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources:

There shall be paid into the treasury of this Grand Council:

For every dispensation to form a new Council.....$20.00

And upon granting a charter the further sum of..... 10.00

For every charter granted by the Grand Council without a dispensation having previously been granted.. 30.00

For every Companion received and greeted during the year 2.00

Every Council shall pay for each member annually, except for Companions received and greeted during the current year..... .50

(As amended in 1893, page 163.)

Sec. 14. Any Council neglecting or refusing to make returns and pay dues for more than one year shall forfeit its warrant, and be restored only by paying all back dues; and such delinquent shall not be allowed a representation, nor vote, in the Grand Council until so restored.

Sec. 15. The title of this Grand Council shall be "Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas;" of the Grand Master, "Most Illustrious;" of the other Grand Officers, "Right Illustrious;" except the Grand Steward and Grand Sentinel, whose title shall be, "Illustrious."

ARTICLE II.

Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Councils.

Section 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Illustrious Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Conductor of the Council, Steward, and Sentinel, and as many members as may be convenient, congregated and working by virtue of a warrant held under the Grand Council, and at a place designated in the warrant or by the Grand Council.

Sec. 2. The powers and privileges of a subordinate Council shall be such as are defined in its warrant, by this Constitution, or by the ancient landmarks.

Sec. 3. No warrant of a Council shall be forfeited except upon charges regularly made in the Grand Council at the Annual Assembly, of which due notice shall be given the Council, and an opportunity of being heard in defense; and then only for disobedience to this Constitution, or for contumacy to the authority of the Grand Master or Grand Council; except for the causes set forth in article 1, section 14; but a warrant may be suspended by the Grand Council or the Grand Master, at any time, upon proper cause; which suspension shall not extend beyond the next Annual Assembly.

Sec. 4. The first five officers of a subordinate Council, hereinbefore named, shall be chosen annually by a majority of the voters. The other officers shall be appointed by the Thrice Illustrious Master.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of a Council to receive all moneys, paid in to the Council, from the hands of the Recorder; to keep a just and correct account thereof; and to pay the same out by direction of the presiding officer and the consent of the Council.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Recorder of a Council to record the Proceedings of the Council; to receive all moneys paid in to the Council, and pay the same over to the Treasurer without delay; to transmit immediately after every election a certificate thereof to the Grand Recorder; and to make a full return annually to the Grand Council, in the form prescribed.

Sec. 7. No Council in this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than $10.

Sec. 8. Subordinate Councils shall hold regular assemblies once in every month, on a day to be fixed in their by-laws.

(Adopted 1893, page 163.)

Sec. 9. Each subordinate Council shall require its members to pay into its treasury annually a sum not less than 50 cents each as dues, to be determined by its by-laws.

(Adopted 1893, page 163.)

ARTICLE III.

General Provisions.

Section 1. The Grand Council shall have power to alter or amend this Constitution at any time at an Annual Assembly, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present; provided, the proposed alteration shall have been submitted in writing at one Annual Assembly, and laid over until the next Annual Assembly for consideration; unless, two-thirds of the Councils in the jurisdiction being represented, such proposition shall be unanimously concurred in, in which case it may be adopted at once.

DIGEST OF EDICTS

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ARKANSAS.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1. There being no uniform code of by-laws for the government of subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, has a Council the right to frame such by-laws as it shall see proper, in conformity with the existing laws, to govern such subjects as objections to advancement, and other subjects not specifically covered by the provisions of such existing laws?

Answer. A Council cannot make and adopt by-laws to govern objections to advancement. (M.·. I.·. Grand Master Charles N. Rix, 1892.)

DEFUNCT COUNCILS.

Sec. 2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be authorized and directed to issue certificates of membership to members of defunct Councils, upon satisfactory proof to the Grand Recorder that the applicant was not suspended at the time his Council became defunct.

(Proceedings 1896, page 250.)

DEGREES.

Sec. 3. *Resolved*, That this Grand Council recognize and adopt as part of its work the appendant Degree of Superexcellent Master, as recommended by the General Grand Council of the United States; the actual working of said degree being left to the option of the subordinate Councils, as has been recommended to this Grand Council in the address of the Most Puissant Grand Master.

(Proceedings 1887, page 365.)

Sec. 4. *Resolved*, That hereafter this Grand Council may in the exercise of its inherent power, confer the degrees on such Companions as may be found to possess the requisite qualifications and elected by a unanimous vote of this Grand Council; provided, there be no live Council in the county where the candidate resides.

(Proceedings of 1894, page 195.)

MATERIAL.

Sec. 5. A petitioner for the Council degrees must be an affiliated Royal Arch Mason or have applied to a Chapter to become affiliated.

(Proceedings 1896, page 250.)

OBJECTION TO CANDIDATE.

Section 6. Can a Companion of a Council stop a candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees simply by appearing before the Thrice Illustrious Master, in the office of such Master, and there stating that he objects, without giving the grounds on which such objection is based?

Answer. No. Objection must be made in open Council, at any assembly thereof, or by communicating the objection to the Thrice Illustrious Master, either verbally or in writing at any assembly; or if unable to be present he may send his verbal objection by a Companion.

He cannot be required to disclose his reasons for objection. (M.·. I.·. Grand Master Charles N. Rix, 1892.)

Sec. 7. Can such objection be presented privately, and orally, to the Thrice Illustrious Master; or must the same when made privately, and the grounds thereof, be in writing; or must it be made in open Council?

Answer. An objection can be presented privately and orally. (Ib.)

Sec. 8. When grounds are stated as the basis of said objections, has the Council the right to pass upon the sufficiency of the objections, by a majority or other vote?

Answer. When reasons for objection are voluntarily disclosed, it does not deprive the objector of his individual right—that undeniable veto; but the Council may, if so submitted by the objector, pass upon their sufficiency, by a majority vote, at an assembly to be called for that purpose of which every resident member should have notice. (Ib.)

Sec. 9. If the grounds of objection to a candidate elected as aforesaid, contain a charge or assertion of misconduct on the part of such candidate, has the Council a right to appoint a committee to investigate and report as to the validity of said charge, for the purpose of determining the sufficiency of the objection?

Answer. Yes, at any time before the degrees are conferred. (Ib.)

Sec. 10. When circumstances indicate that a mistake has been made as to the identity of the person against whom an objection to advancement is made, may not a Council take such circumstances into consideration in determining the validity of the objections made?

Answer. Yes; but an objection made cannot be set aside, except as may be agreed upon and consented to by the objector. (Ib.)

RESIDENCE.

Section 11. What length of residence is necessary before a Council can entertain the petition of a Companion Royal Arch Mason for the Council degrees?

Answer. A Council may entertain a petition for the degrees any time after the petitioner has become an affiliated Royal Arch Mason and declares his residence to be at the place where the Council is located. (M.·. I.·. Grand Master Charles N. Rix, 1892.)

RITUALS.

Section 12. *Resolved,* That the ritual adopted by the General Grand Council at its recent assembly, be, and is hereby, adopted as the standard ritual of this Grand Council, and the subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction. And it is hereby made incumbent upon the M.·. I.·. Grand Master to adopt such means as in his wisdom is deemed best to promulgate the same in this jurisdiction.

(Proceedings of 1890, page 57.)

Sec. 13. *Resolved,* That the ritual be placed in the hands of the Recorder, to be sold at $2 per copy, with the pledges.

(Proceedings of 1891, page 84.)

Sec. 14. (*a*). That each Council in the State be required to buy three copies of each ritual for the use of the Council, to be intrusted to the three principal officers, who shall be responsible for the same, and shall deliver them to their successors in office.

(*b*). That one copy be loaned to the elective Grand Officers and the Grand Lecturer, to be surrendered at the close of their term of office.

(*c*). That no other copies be disposed of except those provided for above.

(*d*). That the price of the Council Ritual be fixed at $2, and the Superexcellent at $1 per copy.

(Proceedings 1892, page 124.)

SUPEREXCELLENT MASTER.

(See "Degrees.")

SUSPENSION.

Section 15. *Resolved,* That the suspension of a Companion in a Royal Arch Chapter for nonpayment of dues only, shall not work a forfeiture of his membership in any Council in this jurisdiction.

(Proceedings 1897, page 280.)

APPENDIX.

FORM OF RETURN OF ELECTION.

The Certificate of Election shall be in the following form, and must be filed in the office of the Grand Recorder before the elected officers of the subordinate Councils can be recognized as members of the Grand Council:

BE IT KNOWN, That on the.....day of.....A Dep. 2....., at a regular assembly of.....Council No..... Companion..... was elected Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion.....Deputy Master, and Companion..... Principal Conductor of the Work, for the ensuing year, and that the said officers have been duly installed.

(Seal.) In Testimony Whereof, We, the members of said Council, have caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed, and our Recorder to sign the same.

.....Recorder.

THE PROXY

Of the Subordinate Councils should be in the following form, viz:

At a regular assembly of.....Council No....., held on the.....day of....., A Dep....., *Resolved*, That our Companion.....be, and he is hereby, appointed proxy to represent this Council in the Grand Council of the State of Arkansas, and he is fully empowered to act in our behalf, in all the transactions of the Grand Council, as effectually as if we, ourselves, were personally present.

(Seal.) All of which we have caused to be certified by our three first officers, and the seal of our said Council affixed.

.....T. I. M.,
.....Dep. Master.
.....P. C. of the W.

Attest:

.....Recorder.

FORM OF A PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of the State of Arkansas:

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, and being willing to

exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent that they are desirous of forming a new Council in the town of....., county of....., State of Arkansas, to be named .....Council.

They therefore pray for letters of dispensation, or a warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend Companion..... to be the first Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion..... to be the first Deputy Master, and Companion..... to be the first Principal Conductor of the Work of said Council. If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Council.

Dated at....., A. Dep. 2.....

(N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters.)

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

CALIFORNIA.

[Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly, San Francisco, April 18, 1898.]

M.·. I.·. Henry Ascroft, Grand Master, in his annual address, reported a year of "unity, strength, peace and plenty," the Craft prosperous and prospects bright. One new Council was chartered and instituted, and a dispensation was granted for another. Total membership, 1,018; net gain for the year, 77.

An excellent Rèport on Correspondence is presented by Companion Edwin Allen Sherman, the chairman of the committee. After a handsome compliment to Grand Master John P. Farrar's address, Companion Sherman jumps on Arkansas with both feet, as it were. He criticises sharply our resolution, adopted in 1897, that suspension in other Masonic bodies for nonpayment of dues shall not work a forfeiture of membership in the Council. He says: "The Secret Vault is to be suspended in the air by balloons, while the feathers of the Templar will be flying in the upper strata" (whatever that may mean), and predicts that "Our Arkansas Companions need not look for the Cryptic Rite to flourish with them so long as such a miserable rule is permitted in its laws."

Just how the Cryptic Rite is to be made to flourish by suspending Companions for nonpayment of dues in some other organization — say a Blue Lodge, Chapter, or Commandery — Companion Sherman does not stop to explain.

Companion Sherman says: "Arkansas will be called to account by the General Grand Master and hauled over the

coals at the next triennial session of the General Grand Council" for recognizing the Grand Council of Colorado by exchanging Representatives. In this he proved a poor guesser, as the General Grand Master has since issued an official letter recommending the Grand Council of Colorado to fraternal recognition by all other similar Grand Bodies.

Companion Sherman next quotes in full the Lord's direction to Moses in regard to putting the manna in the ark, and then adds:

> We have quoted the whole of these directions which *concerns* every Royal Arch Chapter and every Council of Royal and Select Masters, both Grand and subordinate. It will be noticed that it was to be good measure, "an Omer *full* of manna," which was about four quarts or half a peck. Now it will be seen that it will require two years or terms for the Grand Council of Arkansas to fully comply with the conditions given, for it is not an Omer full in the election held at its annual assembly.

Wrong again, Companion Sherman. There is nothing "Short" about our Omer, except his name, and he is "full" to running over with Masonic zeal and knowledge.

Companion Robert Ash, of San Francisco, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Thomas H. Caswell, of the same city, re-elected Grand Recorder.

COLORADO.

[Fourth Annual Assembly, Denver, September 23, 1898.]

Before reverting to the Proceedings of this Annual Assembly, we will state, for the information of the Craft in Arkansas, that on the 30th of July, 1898, a convention of the several Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado was held at Denver, pursuant to a dispensation from the General Grand Master, and the irregular Grand Council formed December 6, 1894, was "healed," and made a constituent of the General Grand Council.

At the regular Annual Assembly all the subordinate Councils were fully represented, and much interest manifested. The address of Grand Master Thomas E. Shears is, as might have been expected, principally devoted to a history of the troubles of the Grand Council and their happy and peaceful conclusion, all of the credit for which he modestly ascribes "to the wisdom, tact and the great loving heart of Bradford Nichol, who will henceforth, forever, be held in the love and the estimation of the Companions of Colorado as their Brother." Our Companion's modesty bespeaks his merit, but we beg leave to respectfully dissent. Had not he and the other Companions of Colorado laid aside all personal feeling; waived all technical questions as to the validity of their previous action, and met the General Grand Master in a spirit of pure fraternal love, putting away all motives except the best interests of the Craft, there would not and could not have been an amicable settlement of the difficulty. We think that, so far as the record shows, Companion Shears, himself, was the chief factor in producing the happy result, and is entitled to at least equal honor. The Grand Council thought so too, for it passed a vote of thanks to Companion Shears.

Two new Councils were constituted, and an increase of 90 in membership is shown, the total being 273.

Companion John Humphreys, Grand Master; Ernest LeNeve Foster, Grand Recorder.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT.

[Eightieth Annual Assembly, Hartford, May 9, 1897.]

An important truth is well stated in this paragraph, from the address of Grand Master Reuben H. Tucker:

> It can rarely be necessary that a candidate cannot wait a sufficient time, that the by-laws may be complied with, before he receives

the honor conferred on him by the Order, without asking the Order to adjust itself to his wishes instead of his adjusting himself to our regulations.

A resolution was adopted making membership in the Council dependent upon membership in Blue Lodge and Chapter.

The total membership is given as 3,498, a gain of 165. Finances in good shape, and *per capita* tax only 15 cents.

A very readable Report on Correspondence is presented by Companion John H. Barlow, Arkansas for 1897 receiving due notice. Companion Barlow devotes but little space to airing his own views, his report being made up largely of quotations from other correspondents and the Proceedings of their Councils. We think this a good plan, where space will permit its adoption. Those of the Craft who read these reports wish to know what other jurisdictions are doing and saying, and are not vitally interested in the personal views of their own committee.

Companion Edgard W. Latham, Suffield, was elected Grand Master, and Companion James McCormick, Hartford, Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND, ETC.

[Twenty-second Annual Assembly, London, March 10, 1898.]

This little pamphlet, although the transactions reported are few, contains much that is of interest to our American eyes, by reason of its novelty. For instance: The name of the Grand Master is nowhere mentioned; R.·. I.·. Companion R. Loveland, Q. C. Deputy Grand Master, presiding as Grand Master.

No election of officers appears, but the minutes show this entry:

"By command of the M.·. I.·. Grand Master, the Deputy

Grand Master invested the following Grand Officers," after which follows a list of all the Grand Officers. From all of which we infer that H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, is hereditary Grand Master in that jurisdiction, and appoints all the other officers.

The Grand Recorder has no regular salary, but on motion an *honorarium* of ten guineas ($50) was voted him as a token of appreciation for his services.

The roll shows twenty-three subordinate Councils, located in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Asia, Africa, Australia, etc., and having a total membership of 797, registered. An alphabetical list of the names of the members is also given, many of which are famous in history. The names and titles of the members of Councils in the Indies present some curious combinations of letters; *e. g.* "Cooch-Behar, H. H. Nripendra Nazam Bhup, Maharajah of P. G. P. C. of W."

"Jeejeebhoy, Sr., Nanabhoy Aradasir Sorabjee."

Should any of our Companions desire to correspond with Calcutta Council No. 20, they can address the Recorder, Companion "Rustomjee Heerjebhoy Manackjee Rustomjee, No. 5 Bentinck street, Calcutta." Gee whiz!

After wrestling with a few of these it is quite refreshing to meet with plain John Smith, Alex Brown, and David Young.

No ridicule nor offense is intended. Our Companions in the Orient doubtless find our patronymics quite as curious and amusing as we do theirs. "A man's a man, for a' that."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

[Sixth Triennial Assembly, Baltimore, October 11, 1897.]

A large attendance greeted this Assembly, Arkansas being represented by R.·. I.·. Companion James A. Henry, proxy for the Grand Master. The Grand Council of Maryland being in session at the time, tendered a reception to the General Grand Council, and eloquent addresses of welcome and response were delivered. The General Grand Master's address was largely devoted to the Colorado imbroglio (which has since been amicably settled, as will be noted under the head of "Colorado"). He reports fifty-six dispensations granted for new Councils; the formation of new Grand Councils in Washington and Indian Territory, and pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead.

The membership of constituent Councils is given as 27,-917, a gain in the last eleven years of 11,472.

On motion of Past General Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Grand Council that by the fundamental law of Freemasonry, all Grand Councils legally formed by Councils chartered by this body, are subject to its constitution and laws without any special clause in their constitution to that effect, and can sever that allegiance only by its consent. All Grand Councils which have adopted such a clause in their constitutions, as a condition of their organization, are hereby authorized to repeal it.

This removes one very troublesome bone of contention.

Companion Bradford Nichol, of Nashville, Tenn., was elected General Grand Master, and Companion Henry W. Mordhurst, of Fort Wayne, Ind., General Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

[Fifty-fifth Annual Assembly, Macon, April 26, 1898.]

It is pleasant to read the following from the address of Grand Master Henry C. Burr:

> It is with pride that we note our accelerating increase among Masons who desire to bring nearer completion their Masonic knowledge. Without a doubt Cryptic Masonry in our jurisdiction has never seen better times.

This no doubt is due in a great measure to the zeal and industry of the Grand Master, whose address shows that he visited a large number of subordinate Councils, assisted in conferring degrees, revived some that were dormant and granted dispensations for three new ones, at the institution of which he was present in proper person. Such a showing well merited the thanks of the Grand Council, which were extended to him by resolution. A Past M.·. I.·. Grand Master's jewel was also voted him for his "fidelity, zeal, and ability."

A short but interesting Report on Correspondence appears in the Proceedings, but as it is not signed, we do not know to whom the credit for it is due. Arkansas for 1897 is among the number reviewed.

Five new Councils were added to the roll, making 29 in all, a gain of 5. Twenty-one Councils made reports, showing a membership of 547, a net gain of 25.

Companion Orlando McClenden, Newnan, was elected Grand Master, and Companion W. A. Wolihin, Macon, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

[Third Annual Assembly, Purcell, November 3, 1897.

Four of the five Councils in the jurisdiction were represented, but only six out of seven Grand Officers were present. A brief but eloquent address was delivered by Grand Master

Edmond H. Doyle, in which he reported peace and prosperity as the prevailing conditions. The Proceedings were of purely local interest. The Grand Recorder, Companion J. S. Murrow, reports that he had the Proceedings of the last previous Grand Council published at his own expense, and modestly suggests that a small income is necessary to pay the expenses of the Grand Council, including "a little something" for the services of the Grand Recorder — a conclusion which few will dispute. No appeals, no grievances, no decisions, and no Report on Correspondence. Total membership, 112.

Companion Zachary Taylor, Walrond, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Joseph Samuel Murrow re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

[Forty-fifth Annual Assembly, Chicago, October 27, 1897.]

The address of Grand Master Geo. M. Gross is a crisp, business-like paper, just such as might be expected from the typical American business-man whose portrait adorns the Proceedings as a frontispiece. He reports peace and harmony, and a fair degree of prosperity as the prevailing conditions. A wise and beneficial custom prevails, it seems, in that jurisdiction under which the Grand Master divides the State into nine "arches" or districts, and appoints three or more zealous Companions to supervise and promote the interests of the Craft in each. Visitations from Grand Officers have a tendency to promote zeal and interest and infuse life into subordinate bodies, and we commend the Illinois plan to the consideration of our Companions in Arkansas.

A slight decrease in membership (13) is reported, which is probably accounted for by the Grand Lecturer, Companion Nathaniel Bowditch, who says: "The Council degrees have

but shared with the other branches of Masonry in the general depression prevailing to a great extent all over the country."

Forty-one Councils were represented in the Assembly, and Arkansas had the honor of being present, in the person of her Representative, M.·. I.·. Companion George M. Gross, Grand Master. The business transacted was of local interest only.

Companion Geo. W. Warvelle presents the Report on Correspondence, and it is no flattery to say that it is able and scholarly. It has sufficient pepper and spice in it to be pungent and palatable, and we regret that our very limited space forbids liberal quotation. That portion under the titles: "Cryptic Bibliography," "Historical Notes," "General Grand Bodies," and "Conclusion," is particularly interesting. The whole will be found well worth perusal.

Sylvester O. Spring, Peoria, Grand Master; Gil W. Barnard, Chicago, Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

[Thirtieth Annual Assembly, Wichita, February 14 and 15, 1898.]

Under the title, "Condition of the Rite," Grand Master F. E. Davis paints a doleful picture. Hear him:

> It is patent to you all that the Cryptic Rite, in this Grand Jurisdiction at least, has been growing weaker and weaker for years. I have known this in a general way, I may say, for some time; but until I assumed the office of Grand Master and thereby had the matter brought home to me in the most emphatic manner, I had not fully realized the full peril of our position, nor until that time did I realize that our condition is but a fair example of the condition of the Cryptic Rite in several other Grand Jurisdictions.

Something over two pages is devoted to a discussion of the condition and its causes, and the Grand Master recommends that subordinate Councils be authorized to confer the degrees for a minimum fee of $1 instead of $10, as at present.

Also that an urgent effort be made to induce the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States to amend its laws so as to make the Council degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. Also that subordinate Councils be required to charge their members at least $1 as annual dues, and thus be enabled to pay their *per capita* tax to the Grand Council. This is the law in Arkansas, adopted several years ago on motion of the writer, and it proved to be very beneficial.

Total membership, 739.

A spicy Report on Correspondence is presented by Companions Andrew M. Callaham and Silas L. Seabrook. Arkansas for 1896 and 1897 fell into the hands of Companion Callaham, who, as we might predict from his name, is inclined to humor. He says:

> The Grand Master portrays a woe-begone condition of the Rite in Arkansas. Indeed, their condition is pitiable! O, for a Grand Master like unto Companion Burr, the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia.

Amen! to that prayer, neighbor, but still we are in about as good condition as some other folks we know of. We think we see light ahead, and hope that both Arkansas and Kansas will find the future more prosperous than the past few years have been.

He thinks that our annual resolution that "the usual appropriations are hereby made for necessary expenses," etc., is a decided compliment to our Grand Recorder. So it is, and so intended. We, who know Companion Henry, have absolute confidence in his integrity, prudence, and good judgment, and we place our little purse in his hands every year, knowing that its contents will be wisely and economically expended.

Our resolution of 1897 to the effect that "suspension of a Companion by his Chapter for nonpayment of dues shall not forfeit his membership in the Council," he characterizes as "a

stunner," and adds: "This looks as if their suspension for nonpayment of dues did not mean anything — only a joke." Well, that depends on how you look at it. We have not adopted the doctrine of dependent membership in a Blue Lodge or Chapter as a condition precedent to retaining membership in the Council.

Companion Aaron N. Connett, Great Bend, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Andrew M. Callaham, Topeka, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

[Annual Assembly, Boston, December 8, 1897.].

From the report of the I.·. Grand Recorder, Companion Seranus Bowen, we are pleased to learn that the year was "a very prosperous one" for our Companions of Massachusetts. Five hundred and fifty-four Companions were received and greeted during the year, making a net gain of 416, and showing a total membership of 5,709. The Grand Treasurer also shows a comfortable balance of $985.36 in the treasury, after paying some extraordinary expenses and spending $600 for eight Past Grand Master's jewels, which were presented under a resolution of the Grand Council. Grand Master Samuel G. Lyman visited every subordinate Council in the State, and says that in every instance the work was exemplified before a large attendance.

A special committee reported favorably on an amendment to the constitution increasing the annual dues of subordinate Councils and raising the fee for the degrees from $15 to $25. The record does not state what action, if any, was taken on it.

Companion Seranus Bowen presented his eighth annual Report on Correspondence, reviewing nineteen jurisdictions

with his usual ability and fraternal spirit. Arkansas does not appear in the list, doubtless because our Proceedings for 1896 were then more than a year old, and 1897 had not been received.

Samuel G. Lyman, Boston, Grand Master; Seranus Bowen, Boston, Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

[Fortieth Annual Assembly, Grand Rapids, January 17, 1898.]

Fifty-four of the fifty-seven constituent Councils were represented — an encouraging sign of vitality. The address of Grand Master Hess deals principally with matters of purely local interest. Several decisions were rendered, none of which seem to call for comment, and one dispensation for a new Council was granted. Charters were granted to two new Councils.

Total membership, 4,337; net gain, 282.

The Report on Correspondence by Companion Jefferson S. Conover is one of the most complete and exhaustive reviews that has reached us. Seventy pages are occupied with liberal quotations, interspersed freely with comment and criticism, always expressed in fraternal terms. Arkansas for 1896 receives kind treatment. While he quotes liberally from Grand Master Laughlin's somewhat pessimistic address, it does not appear to give him any especial pleasure to learn that the Rite in Arkansas was not, at that time, in a flourishing condition.

Companion Chas. M. Norton, Lansing, Grand Master; Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

[Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly, St. Paul, November 8, 1897.]

It seems strange that among a people who are noted for their zeal, energy, and progressiveness in all the ordinary pursuits of life interest in Masonry should abate, but so it is. The address of Grand Master John M. Randall is decidedly pessimistic as to the future of the Cryptic Rite in Minnesota. There are only nine Councils in the State, and only one or two of these show signs of life and activity. Companion Randall says: "One cause of discouragement may be found in the multiplication of so-called secret societies, which have lately sprung up like mushrooms in an autumn morning." Continuing, he says:

> No man can fully understand, no man can properly appreciate, the Master's degree without knowing the legend, the history of Masonry, which, in the American system, is found only in a Council of Royal and Select Masters. * * * Together, the Lodge, Chapter and Council contain the history of Ancient Craft Masonry, and the explanation of our speculative system resting upon the broad foundation of its facts. The loss of any one of the three destroys the symmetry of the circle. Every Royal Arch Mason should be given plainly to understand that in the attainment of that degree he has not passed the circle of perfection, and that a very essential and important part of his Masonic education still remains unlearned.

The Report on Correspondence by Companion Montgomery is alive and "up-to-date" if his Councils are not, and we regret that an exceedingly limited space forbids reproduction of numerous good things found therein. Arkansas for 1896 is reviewed in kindly spirit.

Total membership, 737; net gain, 3.

Companion O. J. H. Martin, of Minneapolis, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

[Thirty-third Annual Assembly, St. Louis, April 27, 1898.]

A large attendance, including many Representatives of other jurisdictions, marked this session. Arkansas was present in the person of her Illustrious Representative, Past Grand Master Flavius Josephus Tygard. It makes one feel better to read the address of Grand Master Phelps, who reports "a growing interest in Cryptic Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. * * * A healthy growth has been enjoyed by nearly every Council in this State. * * * In no part of the system of York Rite Masonry is more enthusiasm manifested than in our own beloved Rite." The death of Past Grand Master William H. Stansbury is reported. The Grand Master's address shows that he visited a number of Councils officially; wrote a large number of letters urging activity, and that early in his term he appointed each of the officers of the Grand Council a special representative to investigate and report on the condition of the Craft in his own vicinity, and to stir up and create, if possible, greater interest in the Cryptic Rite. The result was very gratifying, and shows that an active, business-like, zealous Grand Master can infuse life and energy throughout an entire State. All hail, Grand Master Phelps. May his tribe increase.

Total membership, 763.

An interesting Report on Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils for the year 1897, is submitted by Companion Mayo. Arkansas received his usual courteous and fraternal attention.

Wm. Y. Bean was elected Grand Master, and Wm. H. Mayo, re-elected Grand Recorder, both of St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

[Annual Assembly, Omaha, December 15, 1897.]

The Proceedings, although very brief, show a full attendance of Grand Officers and the Representatives of all the subordinate Councils (8) in the jurisdiction. The address of Grand Master Charles J. Phelps is also very brief, and consists entirely of a beautiful tribute to Freemasonry and an earnest suggestion of the importance of the Cryptic Rite. Nothing is said as to the condition of the Craft in Nebraska, but from the tone of the Grand Master's address and the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, showing a net loss of fifty-eight in membership, and total Grand Council receipts of only $19.50 for the year, we infer that the outlook is not very bright.

Total membership, 270.

A loss of sixty members in one Council in the chief city (Omaha No. 1) would indicate that some unusual conditions must prevail. We hope that 1898 has brought a return of interest and prosperity to our Nebraska Companions.

James Tyler, Grand Master; Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

[Twenty-third Annual Assembly, Raleigh, May 19, 1898.]

The address of Grand Master Liddell recalls the lines of Pope:

> "Hope springs eternal in the human breast;
> Man never *is*, but always *to be*, blest."

He starts off by expressing surprise that sufficient Companions had assembled to hold a session, owing to the discouraging reports received from the several Councils, but predicts that in 1899 "we will assemble in a Grand Council whose

deliberations will interest all, and whose printed Proceedings will be preserved as a history of the revival of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina." We must compliment Companion Liddell for his cheerful disposition; he is the Mark Tapley of the Craft, and we sincerely trust that his hopes may end in fruition.

One Council, Adoniram No. 2, of Salisbury, which had been dead for twenty-five years, was revived as the result of the zeal and activity of the Grand Master.

A resolution was adopted ratifying the constitution of the General Grand Council, and requesting to be enrolled as one of its constituents.

The Grand Recorder presents no tabular statement of the returns, and hence we are in the dark as to membership and growth.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Grand Master W. S. Liddell and Grand Recorder James C. Munds were both re-elected, but we have no means of ascertaining the address of either. A letter addressed to Raleigh would probably reach them.

OREGON.

[Thirteenth Annual Assembly, Corvallis, April 6, 1898.]

This little sister makes up in zeal what she may lack in numerical strength. There are only three subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction, but they were all represented and held a Grand Council "just the same."

Grand Master O. O. Hodson congratulated the Craft because "unity and harmony prevail and the current year has been fairly prosperous."

The total membership is 199, or an average of over 66 to each Council, and a gain of 11 for the current year.

Grand Master Hodson is a son of the first Grand Master of Oregon, Companion Asa H. Hodson, and good pictures of both farther and son adorn the Proceedings.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companions O. O. Hodson, McMinnville, Grand Master, and Seth L. Pope, Portland, Grand Recorder, were re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA.

[Fifty-second Annual Assembly, Wilkesbarre, February 22, 1898.]

We are a little surprised to note that only twelve of the twenty-one Councils in this jurisdiction were represented in this Assembly. We thought "prosperity" had long since struck Pennsylvania, but from the above fact, and the tone of the Grand Master's address, we conclude that our Companions over there must have quit manufacturing iron and gone to raising 4-cent cotton, or some product of that climate equally profitable (?).

He, the Grand Master, like many others, suggests that the Cryptic degrees should be made a prerequisite to the Orders of Christian Knighthood. If this were done and the fees reduced, our judgment is that it would result in a great boom for the Cryptic Rite.

Membership, 1,833; net loss, 51.

A very good Report on Correspondence is submitted by Companion Joel S. Eaby, notwithstanding that he is "a new hand at the bellows." Arkansas for 1897 receives due notice. Like many others, he disapproves our resolution as to the effect of suspension in the Chapter for nonpayment of dues. We cannot agree with him that "many Royal Arch Masons will take advantage of it." The individual opinion of the writer is that the resolution will have very little, if any, effect at all. We do not sus-

pend any brother or Companion who is unable to pay his dues, and the Mason who can pay and won't pay his dues in Blue Lodge and Chapter is not very apt to hurt himself in paying dues to his Council. The only real remedy would be to make his standing in the Commandery depend on his status in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council. This would catch the gentry who "join the Masons" for the sole purpose of wearing feathers and swords.

Companion Samuel S. Yoke, Easton, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Joshua L. Lyte, Lancaster, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

[Forty-eighth Annual Assembly, Nashville, January 24, 1898.]

The address of M.·. I.·. Companion Walter B. Kincannon, Grand Master, is a brief, strictly business paper, in which he reports peace and harmony prevailing in his jurisdiction. No appeals were presented, and no decisions called for. A dispensation was granted for one new Council.

Total membership, 582.

The Report on Correspondence, by Companion Bradford Nichol, is confined to three pages, but is full of "meat." We regret that there is not more of it. Arkansas is not in the list reviewed.

Companion Charles Comstock, of Chattanooga, was elected Grand Master, and Companion W. A. Clendenning, of Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

[Forty-fifth Annual Assembly, Burlington, June 14, 1898.]

Eighteen of the nineteen subordinate Councils were represented; also Arkansas, by her Grand Representative, Companion Robt. J. Wright.

Grand Master Don A. Stone reports "a good degree of interest in the Cryptic Rite, and an increase of membership is noted with pleasure." Revived one Council, which "had been asleep for two years." Recommends an increase in the *per capita* tax from 10 to 20 cents, and also an increase in the fees for the degrees from $5 to $10. This sentence ought to be printed in big letters and posted on the wall of every Council, not only in Vermont but everywhere:

> **The success or failure of Cryptic Masonry in Vermont does not depend upon legislation enacted once a year in Grand Council, but upon the individual efforts of every Cryptic Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction.**

The tabular statement, appended by the Grand Recorder, gives the membership at 974, an apparent *decrease* of 87 members. On closer inspection, we find that this is a typographical error. Correct addition shows the membership to be 1,095, a gain of 34.

The report of Companion Marsh O. Perkins for the Committee on Correspondence is evidently the result of diligent labor, guided by intelligent zeal. We thank him for kindly mention of Arkansas for 1897, albeit he says:

> **Do our Companions of the Southwest look upon suspension as a mere joke? Think of a Council of Royal and Select Masters made up of suspended Royal Arch Masons! What a sublime spectacle in the Masonic firmament!**

We are a little weary of answering this question, but will try again. No, we do not regard it as a joke, but we fail to see how suspension for nonpayment of dues to one entirely separate and independent organization can affect a Companion's standing in another. In the absence of special legislation to that effect, suspension for nonpayment of dues in the Blue Lodge or Chapter does not work a forfeiture of a frater's rights as a Knight Templar or as a Royal and Select Master,

either in Vermont or elsewhere, no more than would his suspension in the Odd Fellows or Knights of Pythias. You may have an edict to the contrary in Vermont, but a careful reading of your constitution and general regulations (Proceedings of 1898, pp. 31-36), fails to disclose any such law.

Companion Charles A. Calderwood, St. Johnsbury, Grand Master; Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

[Third Annual Assembly, Seattle, June 13, 1898.]

Five of the six Councils in the jurisdiction were represented.

Grand Master S. Harry Rush, among other things, reported that he had granted a dispensation authorizing the communication of the degrees to two or more Companions without the necessary quorum being present, owing to the fact that removal of many members from the city had made it impossible to obtain a quorum. This was approved "but with the understanding that it is not to be regarded as a precedent for similar dispensations in the future." In other words: Not guilty — but don't do so any more.

Membership, 225; net gain, 4.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Companion Yancey C. Blalock, Wallawalla, Grand Master; Companion Edward R. Hare, Tacoma, Grand Recorder.

Address of Grand Master.

THOMAS M. HORSFALL,

Hazen.

Address of Grand Recorder.

JAMES AUSTIN HENRY,

Little Rock.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at the Masonic Temple in the City of Little Rock, on Thursday, November 16, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.